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Introduction

Significant differences exist between member countries in the areas of public safety and protection of the environment, which cannot be reconciled into a single preferred approach to pipeline transportation systems for the petroleum and natural gas industries. Reconciliation was further complicated by the existence in some member countries of legislation that establishes requirements for public safety and protection of the environment. Recognizing these differences, ISO/TC 67/SC 2 concluded that this document should allow individual countries to apply their national requirements for public safety and the protection of the environment.

This document is not a design manual; rather, it is intended for use in conjunction with sound engineering practice and judgment. This document allows the use of innovative techniques and procedures, such as reliability-based limit state design methods, providing the minimum requirements of this document are satisfied.

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Petroleum and natural gas industries — Pipeline transportation systems

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and gives recommendations for the design, materials, construction, testing, operation, maintenance and abandonment of pipeline systems used for transportation in the petroleum and natural gas industries.

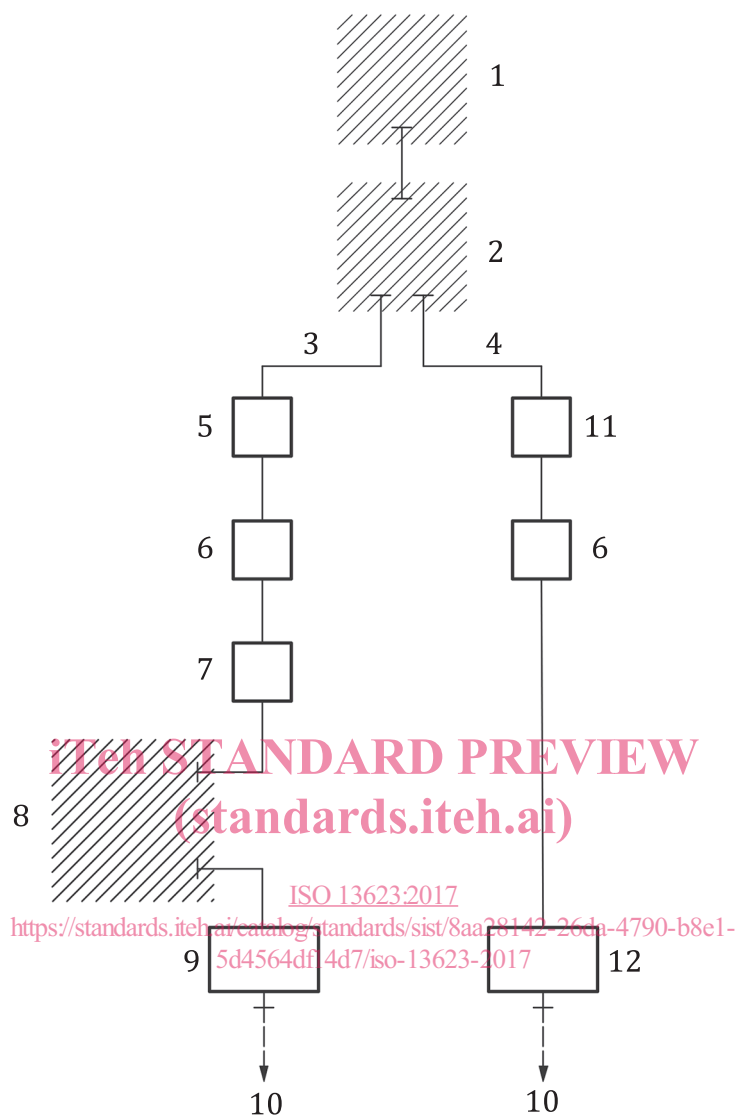
It applies to pipeline systems on-land and offshore, connecting wells, production plants, process plants, refineries and storage facilities, including any section of a pipeline constructed within the boundaries of such facilities for the purpose of its connection. The extent of pipeline systems covered by this document is illustrated in [Figure 1](#).

This document applies to rigid, metallic pipelines. It is not applicable for flexible pipelines or those constructed from other materials, such as glass-reinforced plastics.

This document is applicable to all new pipeline systems and can be applied to modifications made to existing ones. It is not intended that it applies retroactively to existing pipeline systems.

It describes the functional requirements of pipeline systems and provides a basis for their safe design, construction, testing, operation, maintenance and abandonment.

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Key

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|---|---|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | wellsite | 7 | tankage |
| 2 | gathering station, treatment plant or process plant | 8 | refinery |
| 3 | liquid | 9 | depot |
| 4 | gas | 10 | distribution |
| 5 | pump station | 11 | compressor station |
| 6 | valve station | 12 | pressure-reduction station |

———— pipeline elements covered by this document

connections with other facilities (the pipeline system should include an isolation valve at connections with other facilities and at branches)

└─── pipeline elements not covered by this document


 station/plant area covered by this document

Figure 1 — Extent of pipeline systems covered by this document

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 148-1, *Metallic materials — Charpy pendulum impact test — Part 1: Test method*

ISO 3183:2012, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Steel pipe for pipeline transportation systems*

ISO 3977 (all parts), *Gas turbines — Procurement*

ISO 10439 (all parts), *Petroleum, chemical and gas service industries — Axial and centrifugal compressors and expander-compressors*

ISO 10474, *Steel and steel products — Inspection documents*

ISO 12736, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Wet thermal insulation coatings for pipelines, flow lines, equipment and subsea structures*

ISO 13707, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Reciprocating compressors*

ISO 13709, *Centrifugal pumps for petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries*

ISO 13710, *Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Reciprocating positive displacement pumps*

ISO 13847, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Pipeline transportation systems — Welding of pipelines*

ISO 14313, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Pipeline transportation systems — Pipeline valves*

ISO 14723, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Pipeline transportation systems — Subsea pipeline valves*

ISO 15156 (all parts), *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Materials for use in H₂S-containing environments in oil and gas production*

ISO 15589 (all parts), *Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Cathodic protection of pipeline systems*

ISO 15590-1:2009, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Induction bends, fittings and flanges for pipeline transportation systems — Part 1: Induction bends*

ISO 15590-2, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Induction bends, fittings and flanges for pipeline transportation systems — Part 2: Fittings*

ISO 15590-3, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Induction bends, fittings and flanges for pipeline transportation systems — Part 3: Flanges*

ISO 15649, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Piping*

ISO 16440, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Pipeline transportation systems — Design, construction and maintenance of steel cased pipelines*

ISO 21809 (all parts), *Petroleum and natural gas industries — External coatings for buried or submerged pipelines used in pipeline transportation systems*

IEC 60034-1, *Rotating electrical machines — Part 1: Rating and performance*

IEC 60079-10, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres — Part 10: Classification of hazardous areas*

IEC 60079-14, *Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres — Part 14: Electrical installations in hazardous areas (other than mines)*

EN 12583, *Gas infrastructure — Compressor stations — Functional requirements*

API STD 620, *Design and Construction of Large, Welded, Low-Pressure Storage Tanks*

API STD 650, *Welded Steel Tanks for Oil Storage*

ASME B16.5, *Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings — NPS 1/2 Through NPS 24*

ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, Section VIII, Division 1, *Rules for Construction of Pressure Vessels (BPVC)*

MSS SP-25, *Standard Marking System for Valves, Fittings, Flanges and Unions*

MSS SP-44, *Steel Pipeline Flanges*

NFPA 30, *Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code*

NFPA 220, *Standard on Types of Building Construction*

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at www.electropedia.org

3.1.1

commissioning

activities associated with the initial filling of a *pipeline system* (3.1.16) with the *fluid* (3.1.6) being transported

3.1.2

design life

period for which the design basis is planned to remain valid

3.1.3

design pressure

maximum internal pressure of the pressure-containing components of the *pipeline system* (3.1.16) designed in compliance with this document

3.1.4

design strength

strength level to be used in design, based on material's specified minimum properties

3.1.5

fabricated assembly

grouping of pipe and components assembled as a unit and installed as a subunit of a *pipeline system* (3.1.16)

3.1.6

fluid

medium being transported through the *pipeline system* (3.1.16)

3.1.7

hot tapping

mechanical cutting of an *in-service pipeline* (3.1.8) or *piping* (3.1.17) to create a branch connection

3.1.8**in-service pipeline**

pipeline that has been commissioned for the transportation of *fluid* (3.1.6)

3.1.9**lay corridor**

corridor in which an *offshore pipeline* (3.1.13) is being installed, usually determined prior to construction

3.1.10**location class**

geographic area classified according to criteria based on population density and human activity

3.1.11**maintenance**

activities designed to retain the *pipeline system* (3.1.16) in a state in which it can perform its required functions

Note 1 to entry: These activities include inspections, surveys, testing, servicing, replacement, remedial works and repairs.

3.1.12**maximum allowable operating pressure****MAOP**

maximum internal pressure at which a *pipeline system* (3.1.16), or parts thereof, is allowed to be operated in compliance with this document

Note 1 to entry: The MAOP is established by the maximum pressure achieved during testing (see 6.7.3).

3.1.13**offshore pipeline**

pipeline (3.1.15) laid in maritime waters and estuaries seaward of the ordinary high water mark

3.1.14**on-land pipeline**

pipeline (3.1.15) laid on or in land, including lines laid under inland water courses

3.1.15**pipeline**

those components of a *pipeline system* (3.1.16) connected together to convey *fluids* (3.1.6) between *stations* (3.1.24) and/or plants, including pipe, pig traps, components, appurtenances, spools, *risers* (3.1.20), isolating valves, and sectionalizing valves

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

3.1.16**pipeline system**

pipelines, *stations* (3.1.24), supervisory control and data acquisition system (SCADA), safety systems, corrosion protection systems, and any other equipment, facility or building used in the transportation of *fluids* (3.1.6)

3.1.17**piping**

pipe, fittings and components inside *stations* (3.1.24) and terminals, but not part of the *pipeline* (3.1.15)

3.1.18**primary piping**

piping conveying or storing the *fluid* (3.1.6) transported by the *pipeline* (3.1.15)

3.1.19**right-of-way**

corridor of land within which the *pipeline* (3.1.15) operator has the right to conduct activities in accordance with the agreement with the land owner