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## Introduction

Welding procedure specifications (WPSs) are needed in order to provide a well defined basis for planning of the welding operations and for quality control during welding. Welding is considered a special process in the terminology of standards for quality systems. Standards for quality systems usually require that special processes be carried out in accordance with written procedure specifications.

Preparation of a welding procedure specification provides the necessary basis for, but does not in itself ensure that the welds fulfil the requirements. Some deviations, notably imperfections and distortions, can be evaluated by non-destructive methods on the finished product.

Metallurgical deviations constitute a special problem, however, because non-destructive evaluation of the mechanical properties is impossible at the present level of non-destructive technology, this has resulted in the establishment of a set of rules for qualification of the welding procedure prior to the release of the specification to actual production. This document defines these rules

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# Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — General rules

## 1 Scope

This document is part of a series of standards dealing with specification and qualification of welding procedures. [Annex A](#) gives details of this series of standard, [annex B](#) gives a flowchart for the use of these standards and [Annex C](#) gives a flow diagram for the development and qualification of a WPS.

This document defines general rules for the specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials. This standard also refers to several other standards as regards detailed rules for specific applications.

This document is applicable to manual, partly mechanized, fully mechanized and automatic welding.

Welding procedures are qualified by conforming to one or more welding procedure qualification records (WPQR). The use of a particular method of qualification is often a requirement of an application standard.

Qualification of pWPS by more than one method is not recommended. It is assumed that welding procedure specifications are used in production by competent welders, qualified in accordance with the relevant part of ISO 9606 or by competent operators qualified in accordance with ISO 14732.

## 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 14555, *Welding — Arc stud welding of metallic materials*

ISO/TR 15608, *Welding — Guidelines for a metallic materials grouping system*

ISO 15609 (all parts), *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure specification*

ISO 15610, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Qualification based on tested welding consumables*

ISO 15611, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Qualification based on previous welding experience*

ISO 15612, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Qualification by adoption of a standard welding procedure specification*

ISO 15613, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Qualification based on pre-production welding test*

ISO 15614 (all parts), *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure test*

ISO 15620, *Welding — Friction welding of metallic materials*

ISO/TR 25901-1, *Welding and allied processes — Vocabulary — Part 1: General terms*

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### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/TR 25901-1 and the following apply.

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

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

Note 1 to entry to entry: ISO 6520-1 and ISO 6520-2 contain comprehensive lists of imperfections.

#### 3.1

##### **manufacturer**

<welding> person or organization responsible for the welding production

### 4 Welding procedure specification format

ISO 15609 (all parts) provide the technical content that shall be included in welding procedure specifications for the following welding processes:

- arc welding;
- gas welding;
- electron beam welding;
- laser beam welding;
- laser-arc hybrid welding;
- resistance welding.

WPS for other welding processes and for special applications may be covered by specific standards, for example:

- for stud welding, see ISO 14555;
- for friction welding, see ISO 15620.

A WPS shall be classified as a pWPS until qualified using an appropriate method in accordance with [clause 5](#).

### 5 Development and qualification of welding procedures

#### 5.1 General

Qualification of welding procedures shall be performed prior to actual welding in production.

The manufacturer shall prepare a pWPS and shall ensure that it is applicable for the actual production, using experience from previous productions and the general fund of knowledge of welding technology.

Each pWPS shall be used as a basis for establishment of WPQR qualified according to one of the methods listed in [Table 1](#).

If the qualification involves welding of test pieces, then the test pieces shall be welded in accordance with the pWPS.