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- part title changed to "Weight Management";
- document restructured and columnization removed;
- weight control classes removed;
- requirements for weight management for all project phases implemented;
- annexes deleted or relocated to body of document:
 - previous Annex A "Weight data sheets – tagged equipment" combined with previous Annex B "Weighing certificates" to create new joined into a new [Annex B](#) "Weighing certificates";
 - previous Annex C "Weight and load budget (WLB) formats and levels" replaced with new [Annex C](#) "Control weights";
 - deleted previous Annex D "Major elements of the weight displacement";
 - information in previous Annex E "Supplier weighing procedure" relocated to [Clause 8](#);
 - deleted previous Annex F "Guidelines for displacement measurement of floating facilities";

- information in previous Annex G “Requirements for weight control during operations” relocated to [Clause 7](#);
- information in previous Annex H “Requirements for topsides weight estimation — New builds/ green field” relocated to [Clause 7](#);
- information in previous Annex I “Executive summary description” relocated to [Clause 7](#);
- replaced previous Annex J “Weighing result uncertainty” with [Annex F](#) “Weighing result uncertainty”;
- previous Annex K “Weight control database structure” replaced with new [Annex G](#) “Weight database structure”.
- Annexes added:
 - [Annex A](#) “Commentary”;
 - [Annex D](#) “Variable weight”;
 - [Annex E](#) “Example decision-making RAPID matrix”;
 - [Annex H](#) “Weight of concrete structures”;
 - [Annex I](#) “Coordinate systems”;
 - [Annex J](#) “Weight allowances and reserves”;
 - [Annex K](#) “Weight management competencies”.

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Introduction

The International Standards on offshore structures prepared by TC 67/SC 7 (ISO 19900, the ISO 19901 series, ISO 19902, ISO 19903, ISO 19904-1, the ISO 19905 series, and ISO 19906) constitute a common basis covering those aspects that address design requirements and assessments of all offshore facilities used by the petroleum and natural gas industries worldwide. Through their application the intention is to achieve reliability levels appropriate for manned and unmanned offshore facilities, whatever the type of structure and the nature of the materials used.

It is important to recognize that structural integrity is an overall concept comprising models for describing actions, structural analyses, design rules, safety elements, workmanship, quality control procedures and national requirements, all of which are mutually dependent. The modification of one aspect of design in isolation can disturb the balance of reliability inherent in the overall concept or structural system. The implications involved in modifications, therefore, need to be considered in relation to the overall reliability of all offshore structural systems.

The International Standards on offshore structures prepared by TC 67/SC 7 are intended to provide a wide latitude in the choice of structural configurations, materials and techniques without hindering innovation. Sound engineering judgement is therefore necessary in the use of these International Standards.

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Part 5: Weight management

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for managing and controlling the weight and centre of gravity (CoG) of offshore facilities by means of mass management during all lifecycle phases including; conceptual design, front end engineering design (FEED), detail engineering, construction and operations. These can be new facilities (greenfield) or modifications to existing facilities (brownfield).

Weight management is necessary throughout operations, decommissioning and removal to facilitate structural integrity management (SIM). The provisions of this document are applicable to fixed and floating facilities of all types.

Weight management only includes items with static mass.

Snow and ice loads are excluded as they are not considered to be part of the facility. Dynamic loads are addressed in ISO 19904-1, ISO 19901-6 and ISO 19901-7.

This document specifies:

- a) requirements for managing and controlling weights and CoGs of assemblies and entire facilities;
- b) requirements for managing weight and CoG interfaces;
- c) standardized terminology for weight and CoG estimating and reporting;
- d) requirements for determining not-to-exceed (NTE) weights and budget weights;
- e) requirements for weighing and determination of weight and centre of gravity (CoG) of tagged equipment, assemblies, modules and facilities;

This document can be used:

- f) as a basis for costing, scheduling or determining suitable construction method(s) or location(s) and installation strategy;
- g) as a basis for planning, evaluating and preparing a weight management plan and reporting system;
- h) as a contract reference;
- i) as a means of refining the structural analysis or model.

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/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement — Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

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

3.1 approved variation

approved scope change affecting the *predicted weights* (3.32) and changing the *control weights* (3.11)

3.2 assembly

designed and fabricated group of *discipline bulks* (3.12) and *tagged equipment* (3.34) that form one unit

EXAMPLE Deck, module, living quarters, bridge, flare, substructure.

3.3 brownfield

modifications made to an existing *facility* (3.16)

3.4 budget weight

weight and *centre of gravity* (3.5) reference values as part of the *control weights* (3.11)

3.5 centre of gravity

CoG

point in a body or system of bodies at which the entire weight is considered to act

Note 1 to entry: For assemblies, the aggregate CoG is the mathematical weighted mean of the CoGs of the individual items (comprising the completed assembly) measured from a common reference point.

3.6 centre of gravity envelope

CoG envelope

defined volume within which the *centre of gravity* (3.5) of an *assembly* (3.2) is constrained for a specified *loading condition* (3.23)

3.7 conceptual design

phase of design during which several concepts are evaluated, and preferred concepts are selected

3.8 conceptual design weight

sum of the *predicted weight* (3.32) and the *conceptual design weight reserve* (3.9)

Note 1 to entry: This weight is used for engineering purposes and for checking fabrication/installation strategies during conceptual design.

3.9 conceptual design weight reserve

provision during conceptual design to allow for reserves when control weights are determined

EXAMPLE Management reserve, planned future reserve and unplanned future reserve.

3.10**consumable**

material used and replenished during normal operation of a *facility* (3.16)

EXAMPLE Potable/service water, diesel fuel, crew provisions, drilling powders for creation of mud and/or cement.

3.11**control weights**

budget weight (3.4) [and associated *centre of gravity envelope* (3.6)], *not-to-exceed weight* (3.28) [and associated *centre of gravity envelope* (3.6)] and reserves [e.g. *management reserve* (3.24), *planned future reserve* (3.31), *unplanned future reserve* (3.38)] for each *loading condition* (3.23)

3.12**discipline bulks**

all *dry weight items* (3.43) excluding *tagged equipment* (3.34)

EXAMPLE Piping, manual valves, structural, cable and trays, etc.

3.13**dry weight**

weight of a component, *weight item* (3.43) or an *assembly* (3.2) in its dry installed condition including permanent contents in closed systems in *tagged equipment* (3.34)

Note 1 to entry: Examples of permanent contents are gearbox oil, hydraulic oil, filter sand, coolant, etc.

Note 2 to entry: Excludes variable weights.

Note 3 to entry: Dry weight results in permanent actions, defined as G1 and G2 in ISO 19902 and ISO 19901-3.

3.14**estimate to complete****ETC**

estimated weight (3.15) of *discipline bulks* (3.12) and/or *tagged equipment* (3.34) with insufficient definition measured by weight take-off

3.15**estimated weight**

weight derived by using norm-based calculations or previous experience

3.16**facility**

topsides (3.36) and substructure that is built and installed to serve a particular purpose

3.17**front end engineering design****FEED**

phase following *conceptual design* (3.7) phase, during which the selected concept is matured, and design parameters normally are fixed

3.18**greenfield**

new facilities that are fabricated onshore and installed offshore

3.19**gross weight take-off****gross WTO**

net weight take-off (3.27) plus *net weight allowance* (3.26)

3.20

hook-up and commissioning

HUC

installation of components or *assemblies* (3.2) after the *topsides* (3.36) have been installed to complete a functioning *facility* (3.16)

3.21

lift weight

weight of a component or *assembly* (3.2) at its lift points, including permanent items and *temporary items* (3.35), but excluding the lift rigging

3.22

lightship weight

displacement of the complete floating *facility* (3.16) (i.e. ready for service) with all its machinery, equipment and outfitting, including permanent ballast, required spare parts, constant process fluids and liquids in *tagged equipment* (3.34) and piping at their working levels but without liquids in storage or reserve supply tanks, items of consumable or variable loads, stores or crews and their effects

3.23

loading condition

condition for which the weight and *centre of gravity* (3.5) of an *assembly* (3.2) is required to be managed

Note 1 to entry: See 5.5.

3.24

management reserve

reserve to take account for scope changes after setting the *control weights* (3.11)

3.25

master equipment list

MEL

project specific list for compiling and managing technical data for *tagged equipment* (3.34)

3.26

net weight allowance

addition applied to *net weight take-off* (3.27) to account for weight growth due to item weight uncertainty, design development and construction

Note 1 to entry: Guidance on net weight allowances is given in Annex J.

3.27

net weight take-off

net WTO

weight take-off based on the actual designed data from 3D model, engineering drawings or supplier data

3.28

not-to-exceed weight

NTE weight

maximum acceptable weight and *centre of gravity envelope* (3.6) for the respective *loading condition* (3.23)

3.29

operating reserve

weight difference between the *predicted weight* (3.32) and the *not-to-exceed weight* (3.28) during the operations phase

3.30

operating weight

dry installed weight plus *variable weight* (3.40)

3.31**planned future reserve**

reserve to account for planned modifications (e.g. additions, removals or relocations) during the operations phase of the *facility* (3.16)

3.32**predicted weight**

expected (median) weight, the sum of *gross weight take-off* (3.19) and *estimate to complete* (3.14) through all project phases

Note 1 to entry: The median (P50) weight estimate has a 50-50 chance of being lesser or greater than the out-turn weight.

Note 2 to entry: During the conceptual design phase, the net and gross WTO's can be zero.

3.33**reconciled weighed weight**

actual weight at the time of the weighing, including any weighing correction(s)

3.34**tagged equipment**

equipment identified and tracked in the *master equipment list* (3.25)

3.35**temporary items**

items temporarily installed during a *loading condition* (3.23) and removed afterwards

Note 1 to entry: Temporary items do not form part of a structure's permanent dry or operating weight.

3.36**topsides**

assemblies placed on a substructure (fixed or floating) to provide some or all of a *facility's* (3.16) functions

Note 1 to entry: For floating facilities and jack-ups, the hull deck is not typically part of the topsides, however, some of the equipment and discipline bulks mounted in or on the hull can be defined as part of the topsides.

Note 2 to entry: A separate fabricated deck or module support frame is part of the topsides.

3.37**uncertainty allowance**

allowance, based on risk analysis or experience, to account for the immaturity of the conceptual design scope

3.38**unplanned future reserve**

reserve to account for the addition of unplanned modifications during the operations phase of the *facility* (3.16)

EXAMPLE Equipment upgrades, process and non-process system modifications (including new flowlines), additional supporting structures, etc.

3.39**upper bound weight constraint**

maximum weight during *conceptual design* (3.7) phase

3.40

variable weight

weights of fluid and powders in *tagged equipment* (3.34) and piping, including process and non-process fluids (e.g. brine, potable water and diesel storage), drill pipe, drill casing, drilling *consumables* (3.10) (e.g. fluids and powders), scaffolding, laydown areas and storage areas, that occur coincidentally

Note 1 to entry: A more comprehensive list of variable weight is given in [Table D.1](#).

Note 2 to entry: Variable weight results in variable actions, defined as Q1 in ISO 19902 and ISO 19901-3.

3.41

weight database

database containing the *net weight take-off* (3.27), *gross weight take-off* (3.19) and/or *estimate to complete* (3.14) for each *weight item* (3.43) that sums to the *predicted weight* (3.32) and *centre of gravity* (3.5) for each *loading condition* (3.23)

Note 1 to entry: See [Annex G](#).

3.42

weight database custodian

WDC

organization tasked with the responsibility for maintaining the *weight database* (3.41) during operations phase

Note 1 to entry: The weight database custodian should be appointed at the start of operations.

3.43

weight item

individual or group of *discipline bulks* (3.12) and/or *tagged equipment* (3.34), *variable weights* (3.40) or *assembly* (3.2) identified for weight reporting purposes

3.44

weight management objective

set of engineering goals necessary to fulfil weight and *centre of gravity* (3.5) requirements

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weight sensitive

predicted weight is 95 % or more of the capacity of the transport and installation (T&I) marine equipment or the predicted weight is 95 % or more of the *not-to-exceed weight* (3.28)

4 Abbreviations

| | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| CAD | computer assisted design |
| MoC | management of change |
| NTE | not-to-exceed |
| PoB | personnel on board |
| RAPID | recommend, agree, perform, input and decide |
| SIM | structural integrity management |
| T&I | transport and installation |
| 3D | three dimensional |