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## Introduction

The twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP21) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) was held in Paris, France in December 2015 and finally adopted an agreement for the prevention of global warming, the Paris Agreement. The Agreement requires Parties' efforts to achieve zero net anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions during the second half of the 21st century. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted a strategic plan to reduce GHG emissions from the maritime sector by 50 % in 2050 and finally to zero level within this century. Since the required reduction of GHG emissions is not attainable by a simple improvement in efficiency, the substitution of alternative fuels, including hydrogen, ammonia, and biofuels, for present fossil energies must be considered. Among them, hydrogen is one of the most present energy carriers, not only as fuel, but also as storage and transportation media.

A massive and long-distance transport of hydrogen by ships from production areas to consumption areas would be necessary because production plants are often constructed far from consumption areas, which are typically cities and industrial areas where hydrogen would be used in gas/steam turbine power plants and transportation systems such as railways, automobiles and ships.

In the marine transportation system of liquefied hydrogen, transfer from shore to ship would take place using transfer arms. A number of transfer arms are currently used for the loading and unloading of liquefied natural gas (LNG) at marine terminals. However, the temperature difference between LNG ( $-162\text{ °C}$ ) and liquefied hydrogen ( $-253\text{ °C}$ ) is critical and requires a significant change in the design of the transfer arms. Transfer systems minimize heat loss by applying high performance heat insulation technology. Liquid oxygen ( $-183\text{ °C}$ ) formation on the outer surface of the system should be strictly prevented because some materials can detonate unpredictably from sources of ignition such as flames, sparks or impact from light blows if soaked in liquefied oxygen (LO<sub>2</sub>). Leakage should also be prevented because the hydrogen molecule is small in size and hydrogen gas is flammable over a wide range of concentrations.

To ensure the safe and smooth transportation of liquefied hydrogen, well-qualified transfer arms that are compatible with the on-board equipment of hydrogen carriers should be installed at each terminal. This document is, therefore, developed to provide technical guidance and safety requirements for liquefied hydrogen marine transfer arms.

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# Ships and marine technology — Design and testing of marine transfer arms for liquefied hydrogen

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the design, minimum safety requirements, and inspection and testing procedures for liquefied hydrogen (LH2) marine transfer arms intended for use at onshore LH2 terminals handling LH2 carriers. It also covers the minimum requirements for safe LH2 transfer between ship and shore.

Although the requirements for power/control systems are covered, this document does not include all of the details for the design and fabrication of standard parts and fittings associated with transfer arms. This document is mainly focused on hard pipe type transfer systems; hose type transfer systems are not described in detail in the general description of this document. However, hose type transfer systems can also be considered as reasonable vacuum insulated technology for the design of transfer arms for liquefied hydrogen.

## 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 3452-1, *Non-destructive testing — Penetrant testing — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 4406, *Hydraulic fluid power — Fluids — Method for coding the level of contamination by solid particles*

ISO 9934-1, *Non-destructive testing — Magnetic particle testing — Part 1: General principles*

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

ISO 10497, *Testing of valves — Fire type-testing requirements*

ISO 16904, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Design and testing of LNG marine transfer arms for conventional onshore terminals*

ISO 17636-1, *Non-destructive testing of welds — Radiographic testing — Part 1: X- and gamma-ray techniques with film*

ISO 17636-2, *Non-destructive testing of welds — Radiographic testing — Part 2: X- and gamma-ray techniques with digital detectors*

IEC 60079-10-1, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 10-1: Classification of areas - Explosive gas atmospheres*

IEC 60079-0, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 0: Equipment - General requirements*

IEC 60079-1, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 1: Equipment protection by flameproof enclosures “d”*

IEC 60079-2, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 2: Equipment protection by pressurized enclosure “p”*

IEC 60079-5, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 5: Equipment protection by powder filling “q”*

IEC 60079-6, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 6: Equipment protection by liquid immersion “o”*

IEC 60079-7, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety “e”*

IEC 60079-11, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety “i”*

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IEC 60079-14, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 14: Electrical installations design, selection and erection*

IEC 60079-18, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 18: Equipment protection by encapsulation “m”*

IEC 60079-25, *Explosive atmospheres — Part 25: Intrinsically safe electrical systems*

IEC 60034-5, *Rotating electrical machines — Part 5: Degrees of protection provided by the integral design of rotating electrical machines (IP code) — Classification*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 62305-3, *Protection against lightning — Part 3: Physical damage to structures and life hazard*

ASME, *Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section IX*

## 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

#### **apex swivel**

articulated, fluid-carrying joint located between the *inboard arm* (3.19) and *outboard arm* (3.32)

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

Note 2 to entry: It provides *luffing* (3.25) of the outboard arm relative to the inboard arm.

### 3.2

#### **attitude**

various modes of use and/or location of the *transfer arm* (3.58) (i.e. manoeuvring, stowed, connected, hydrostatic test, and maintenance)

Note 1 to entry: The transfer arm can take several positions for each attitude.

### 3.3

#### **base riser**

##### **riser**

vertical assembly which bolts to the loading platform and supports the articulated assembly of the *transfer arm* (3.58)

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

Note 2 to entry: Sometimes referred to as “standpost”.

### 3.4

#### **bottom swivel**

swivel joint accommodates the *pitching* (3.34) motion of the *LH2 carrier* (3.24) and is located adjacent to *presentation flange* (3.36) in horizontal part of the *TSA* (3.59)

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

### 3.5

#### **brinelling**

permanent indentation in the *swivel* (3.54) or *structural bearing* (3.49) raceways caused by excessive loading of balls or rollers

### 3.6

#### **cargo manifold**

pipe assembly mounted on board a *LH2 carrier* (3.24) to which the *presentation flange* (3.36) or *QCDC* (3.38) of the *transfer arm* (3.58) is connected

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

### 3.7

#### **cavitation**

formation and collapse of bubbles in a liquid at or below the liquid saturated vapour pressure

Note 1 to entry: The collapse releases energy and may cause erosion at the cavitation sites, sometimes with an audible sound and vibration.

Note 2 to entry: Such low pressures occur in high velocity zones such as the inner radius of elbows, or at places with variations of diameters.

### 3.8

#### **clash**

contact during design operational conditions, or as a result of an emergency separation

Note 1 to entry: This contact can occur between any part of a *transfer arm* (3.58) and:

- adjacent transfer arm while both arms are operating, or one arm is operating, and the other arm is stowed (e.g. the counterweights (3.10));
- adjacent section of the same transfer arm (e.g. triple swivel assembly (3.59) and the outboard arm (3.32));
- loading platform equipment (e.g. counterweight (3.10) and piping or valves).

### 3.9

#### **contact angle**

$\alpha$

angle between the plane of the *swivel joint* (3.54) or *structural bearing* (3.49) balls or rollers and the centre of contact at the ball or roller raceway interface

### 3.10

#### **counterweight**

system of weights used to balance the *inboard arm* (3.19) and *outboard arm* (3.32) assemblies

Note 1 to entry: Some *transfer arms* (3.58) have a single counterweight for this function and others have multiple counterweights.

### 3.11

#### **design pressure**

pressure for which the *transfer arm* (3.58) is designed

### 3.12

#### **design temperature**

range of temperatures for which the *transfer arm* (3.58) is designed

### 3.13

#### **drift**

longitudinal and/or lateral displacement of the *LH2 carrier* (3.24) due to the influence of environmental forces

Note 1 to entry: See also *surge fore* (3.51) or *surge aft* (3.50) and *sway* (3.53).

### 3.14

#### **emergency release system**

##### **ERS**

system that provides a positive means of quick release of *transfer arms* (3.58) and safe isolation between the *LH2 carrier* (3.24) and shore, following a predefined procedure including an *emergency shutdown (ESD)* (3.15)

Note 1 to entry: This is also known as an *emergency release coupling* (ERC).

Note 2 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

**3.15**  
**emergency shutdown**  
**ESD**

method that safely and effectively stops the transfer of LH2 and vapour between the *LH2 carrier* ([3.24](#)) and shore

**3.16**  
**freeboard**

vertical distance between the ship's deck and the water level at the manifold location

**3.17**  
**free wheel**

ability of a hydraulically operated *transfer arm* ([3.58](#)) when connected to a *LH2 carrier* ([3.24](#)) to follow freely, without hydraulic restraint, the vertical and horizontal motions of the LH2 carrier's manifold (draft changes and *sway* ([3.53](#)) and surge motions)

**3.18**  
**heave**

vertical motion of the *LH2 carrier* ([3.24](#)) due to wave action

**3.19**  
**inboard arm**

product-carrying pipe and any structural members contained between the *apex swivel* ([3.1](#)) and the *trunnion swivel* ([3.60](#))

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

**3.20**  
**included angle**

angle formed between *inboard arm* ([3.19](#)) and *outboard arm* ([3.32](#))

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

Note 2 to entry: The maximum and minimum included angles are left to the transfer arm manufacturer.

Note 3 to entry: The included angle in the stowed position of the *transfer arms* ([3.58](#)) is such, that the arms are parked with the *triple swivel assembly* ([3.59](#)) behind the berthing line.

**3.21**  
**insulating flange**

electrical insulating system, usually dedicated, that is installed in the lower end of the *outboard arm* ([3.32](#)) or in the vertical part of the *triple swivel assembly* ([3.59](#))

Note 1 to entry: Its purpose is to prevent stray currents from causing an arc at the *LH2 carrier's* ([3.24](#)) flange as the *transfer arm* ([3.58](#)) is connected or disconnected.

**3.22**  
**jack**

permanent, adjustable load-carrying mechanism potentially installed in the *triple swivel assembly* ([3.59](#)) to transfer a portion of the *transfer arm* ([3.58](#)) fluid weight to the deck instead of the *LH2 carrier's* ([3.24](#)) manifold

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

**3.23**  
**jetty control centre**

control centre situated on or adjacent to the jetty primarily to control and/or monitor the *transfer arms* ([3.58](#))

Note 1 to entry: Sometimes referred to as "jetty control room" or "local control room".

**3.24**

**LH2 carrier**

**LH2C**

tank ship designed for the carriage of LH2

**3.25**

**luffing**

rotary motions of the *inboard arm* (3.19) and *outboard arm* (3.32) in the vertical plane

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

**3.26**

**main hydraulic unit**

**MHU**

hydraulic unit that generates hydraulic power to ensure the normal operation and emergency release sequence of the arms

**3.27**

**manifold setback**

horizontal distance between the board side of the *LH2 carrier* (3.24) and the face of the *cargo manifold* (3.6)

**3.28**

**manifold spacing**

horizontal distance between two adjacent *cargo manifold* (3.6) flange axes

**3.29**

**middle swivel**

swivel joint accommodates *yawing* (3.62) and *surge* of the *LH2 carrier* (3.24) and is located between the *top swivel* (3.56) and *bottom swivel* (3.4) in the vertical part of the *TSA* (3.59)

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

**3.30**

**onshore LH2 terminal**

LH2 exporting or receiving terminal that is located on shore and that has marine *transfer arms* (3.58) for the loading or unloading of *LH2 carriers* (3.24) in a harbour or other sheltered coastal location

**3.31**

**operating envelope**

volume in which *presentation flange(s)* (3.36) of a (group of) *transfer arm(s)* (3.58) is (are) required to operate

**3.32**

**outboard arm**

product-carrying pipe and any structural members contained between the *apex swivel* (3.1) and the *triple swivel assembly* (3.59)

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

**3.33**

**owner**

**designated agent**

company or group of companies for whose use the *transfer arms* (3.58) are installed, responsible for the safe design and construction of the installation

**3.34**

**pitch**

rotation of the *LH2 carrier* (3.24) around the transversal horizontal axis

**3.35**  
**powered emergency release coupling**  
**PERC**

powered device to provide a means of quick release of the *transfer arms* (3.58) when such action is required only as an emergency measure

**3.36**  
**presentation flange**

*transfer arm* (3.58) flange for connection to either the *cargo manifold* (3.6) or *spool piece* (3.46)

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

**3.37**  
**product**

fluid transferred using *transfer arms* (3.58)

Note 1 to entry: Fluids are LH2 or GH2.

**3.38**  
**quick connect disconnect coupler**  
**QCDC**  
**coupler**

manual or hydraulic mechanical device used to connect the *transfer arm* (3.58) to the *cargo manifold* (3.6) or *spool piece* (3.46) without employing bolts

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

**3.39**  
**remote pendant control**  
**remote control**

device to facilitate the fine manoeuvring operation of the *transfer arms* (3.58) from a remote location (e.g. *LH2 carrier's* (3.24) *cargo manifold* (3.6) area)

Note 1 to entry: The system can use a trailing wire or radio-controlled system.

**3.40**  
**riser and trunnion swivel assembly**

fluid carrying system consisting of a *riser swivel* (3.42), *trunnion swivel* (3.60) and elbows, and mounted on top of the *base riser* (3.3)

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

**3.41**  
**riser flange**

*transfer arm* (3.58) flange for connection to LH2 piping

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

**3.42**  
**riser swivel**

swing joint in the *riser and trunnion swivel assembly* (3.40) which permits *slewing* (3.45) of the *transfer arm* (3.58)

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure B.2](#).

**3.43**  
**roll**

rotation of *LH2 carrier* (3.24) around longitudinal horizontal axis