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# Measurement of refrigerated hydrocarbon and non-petroleum based liquefied gaseous fuels - Dynamic measurement of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as marine fuel – Truck-to-ship (TTS) bunkering

## 1 Scope

This document defines procedures and requirements for measuring liquefied natural gas (LNG) from truck-to-ship (TTS) using the combination of Coriolis mass flowmeter (MFM) and gas chromatography (GC). It also gives guidance and requirements for portable packaging of the combination system in mobile form which minimizes facility storage space and streamlines the use of development systems. Output from the system in calorie units is applicable to commercial transactions between suppliers and users of liquefied natural gas (LNG) as marine fuel.

This document also consists of ~~definitions of related terms, abbreviations,~~ general requirements, metrological requirements, system flawless requirements, requirements and test methods, and procedures for measurement methods.

## 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 6974-1:2012, *Natural gas — Determination of composition and associated uncertainty by gas chromatography, — Part 1: General guidelines and calculation of composition*

ISO 22192:2021, *Bunkering of marine fuel using the Coriolis mass flow meter (MFM) system*

ISO 10790:2015, *Measurement of fluid flow in closed conduits — Guidance to the selection, installation and use of Coriolis flowmeters (mass flow, density and volume flow measurements)*

ISO 6976:2016, *Natural gas — Calculation of calorific values, density, relative density and Wobbe indices from composition*

ISO 21903:2020, *Refrigerated hydrocarbon fluids — Dynamic measurement — Requirements and guidelines for the calibration and installation of flowmeters used for liquefied natural gas (LNG) and other refrigerated hydrocarbon fluids*

ISO/IEC 17025:2017, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

ISO 6578:2017, *Refrigerated hydrocarbon liquids — Static measurement — Calculation procedure*

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**3.1 bunker**  
fuel supplied to a vessel for its propulsion and/or operation

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**3.2 bunker delivery note BDN**

proprietary document of the bunker supplier providing details of the quality and quantity of the bunker(s) delivered by the bunker tanker to the vessel

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**3.3 bunker metering ticket BMT**

ticket printed at the end of bunkering operation

**3.4 bunkering operation**

transfer operation between bunker tankers

**3.5 bunker supplier**

company which contractually agrees with the buyer to deliver the product

**3.6 bunker surveyor**

person who inspects, measures, samples, investigates and reports as required on the *bunkering operations* (3.4)

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**3.7 bunker tanker representative**

individual who represents the *bunker supplier* (3.5) and is responsible for *bunkering operations* (3.4) and documentations

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**3.8 calibration**

operation that, under specified conditions, in a first step, establishes a relation between the quantity values with measurement uncertainties provided by measurement standards and corresponding indications with associated measurement uncertainties and, in a second step, uses this information to establish a relation for obtaining a measurement result from an indication

[SOURCE: JCGM 200:2012/ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, 2.39], modified — notes to entry have been deleted.]

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**3.9 chief engineer**

high-level technical position for receiving bunkers and documentation of the *bunkering operation* (3.4) on the vessel

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**3.10  
container**

portable tank unit

**3.11  
expanded uncertainty**

quantity defining an interval about the result of a measurement that may be expected to encompass a large fraction of the distribution of values that can reasonably be attributed to the measuring

**NOTE** *Note 1 to entry:* The fraction may be viewed as the coverage probability or level of confidence of the interval.

**NOTE** *Note 2 to entry:* To associate a specific level of confidence with the interval defined by the expanded uncertainty requires explicit or implicit assumptions regarding the probability distribution characterized by the measurement result and its combined standard uncertainty. The level of confidence that may be attributed to this interval can be known only to the extent to which such assumptions may be justified.

**NOTE** *Note 3 to entry:* The expanded uncertainty is referred to as "overall uncertainty" in Recommendation INC-1 (1980), Paragraph 5.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, 2.3.5, modified — in the definition, "measuring" has replaced "measurand".]

**3.12  
liquefied natural gas  
LNG**

cryogenic liquid produced by reducing the temperature of natural gas to about -162 °C at atmospheric pressure

[SOURCE: ISO 12617:2015, 3.6]

**3.13  
Coriolis flowmeter**

device consisting of a flow sensor (primary device) and a *transmitter* (3.19) (secondary device) (3.19) which primarily measure the mass flow by means of the interaction between a flowing fluid and the oscillation of a tube or tubes

**Note 1 to entry:** The mass flow meter may also provide measurements of the density and the process temperature of the fluid.

[SOURCE: ISO 10790:2015, 3.1.1, modified — in the definition, "primarily" has been added and "density" has been removed; note 1 to entry has been modified.]

**3.14  
mass flow meter system  
MFM system**

system that comprises the mass flow meter, its ancillary devices, pipelines and sealing points between the pump suction and the custody transfer point

[SOURCE: ISO 22192:2021, 3.26]

**3.15  
online gas chromatography**

gas chromatography that is directly connected to the pipelines or sampling device to implement online analysis

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**risk assessment**

overall process of risk identification, analysis and evaluation

3.17

**safety zone**

zone, extending beyond the hazardous zone, where special precautions are required because of the hazards presented by natural gas/ liquefied natural gas (3.12) during bunkering operations (3.4)

[SOURCE: SGMF FP-02--01, 4.2]

3.18

**transfer system**

system used to connect the bunkering facility and the receiving ship in order to transfer liquefied natural gas (LNG) (3.15) only, or both LNG and vapours

Note 1 to entry: The transfer system consists of all equipment contained between the bunkering manifold flange on the facility or vessel providing LNG fuel and the bunkering manifold flange on the receiving LNG fuelled vessel. It includes transfer arms, articulated rigid piping, hoses, swivels, couplings, supporting structure handling system and its control/monitoring system.

3.19

**transmitter**

transmitting apparatus providing the drive and transforming the signals from the flow sensor, to give output(s) of measured and inferred parameters

Note 1 to entry: ~~Transmitter~~The transmitter also provides corrections derived from parameters such as temperature.

**4 General requirements and safety precautions**

All personnel involved in the measurement of transporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) from truck-to-ship (TTS) shall wear proper and adequate personal protective equipment.

NOTE Approved industry standards can apply.

All parties involved in the measurement of transporting LNG shall be free from the influence of any alcohol, drugs or other substances which impair the safe and efficient execution of their work and personal health.

The International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)<sup>[68]</sup> has developed a TTS bunkering scheme TTS to provide safety and operational checklists (see Annex FD) for LNG bunkering.

**5 Measurement systems and equipment**

**5.1 General**

5.1.1 The determination of quantities for TTS bunkering requires measuring the quantity in mass and measuring the net calorific value of the fuel. The application of the measurement process to LNG is limited in this document to establishing the quantity and composition of LNG relative to an end-point use such as a fuel or as a feed stock.

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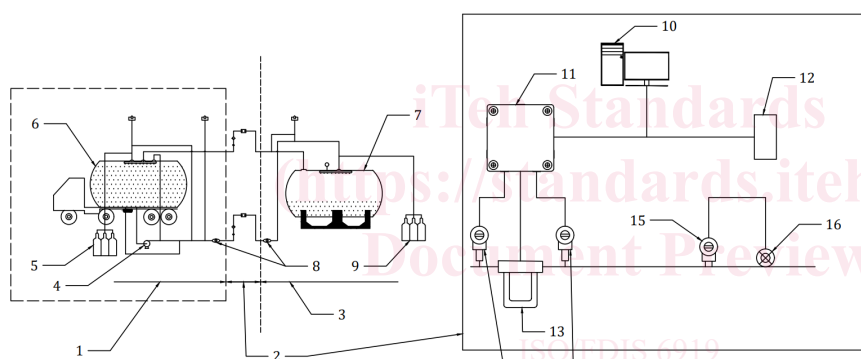
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5.1.2 To determine the gross calorific value of the fuel, the following quantities shall be measured and/or calculated:

- mass of bunker(s) transferred, expressed in kilograms (kg);
- net or gross calorific (heating) value, -expressed in joules per kilogram (J/kg);
- density, expressed in kilograms per cubic metre (kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

## 5.2 Portable packaging measurement system

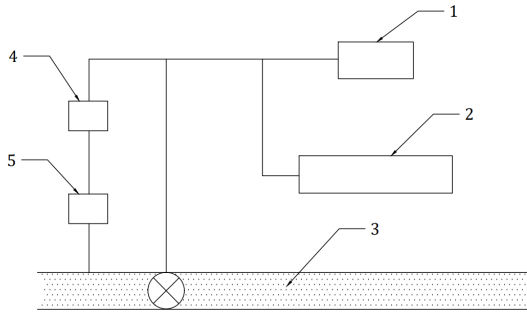
A Coriolis mass flow meter and gas chromatograph are made in the portable package. This is done to quickly calculate, reduce stakeholder disputes caused by supply and demand quantity differences, minimize facility storage space, and overcome the possibility of weathering effect<sup>[1]</sup> on the LNG from truck refuelling time to delivery time (see Figure 1). A Coriolis mass flow meter measures the actual supply by calculating the supply, return, and density in real time at the site while simultaneously measuring ethane, methane, and propane mole fractions, the major components of LNG, in real time by gas chromatography.



Key	
1 LNG Bunker Facility (truck)	8 ESD
2 Interface	9 Nitrogen Supply (RS side)
3 Receiving Ship	10 BunkerLink PC
4 Cryogenic Pump	11 Bunker Box
5 Nitrogen Supply (BFO side)	12 Bunker Ticket Printer
6 Bunker Supply (Type-C)	13 ELTE High Capacity Flow Meter
7 Receiving Tank (Type-C)	14 Liquid Detector
	15 Pressure Transmitter
	16 Backpressure valve and Actuator

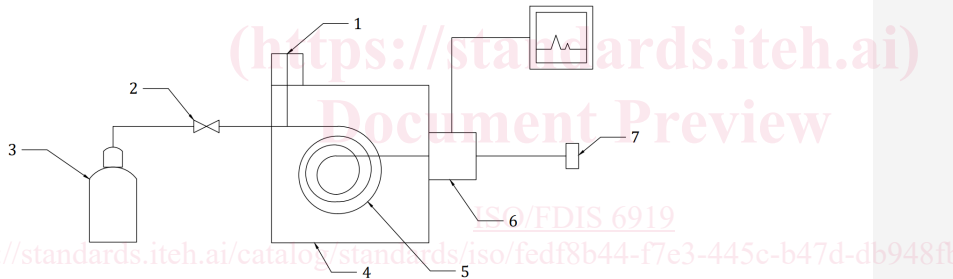
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(a) Measuring supply flow



- |  |                                  |                                |
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| <b>Key</b>   | <b>Parameters:</b>               | <b>GC parameters:</b>          |
| 1 Flow meter                                       | 1 Quantity (m <sup>3</sup> , kg) | 1 Density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) |
| 2 Gas Chromatography                               | 2 T, Temperature (K)             | 2 Caloric value                |
| 3 LNG composition %: methane, rthane, propane, etc | 3 P, Pressure (Pa)               | 3 Wobbe number                 |
| 4 T, Temperature                                   |                                  | 4 Methane number               |
| 5 P, Pressure                                      |                                  | 5 etc.                         |

(b) Metering system setup



- Key**
- 1 Sample injector
  - 2 Flow controller
  - 3 Carrier gas
  - 4 Column oven
  - 5 Column
  - 6 Detector
  - 7 Waste

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(c) Gas chromatography principle