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Crude petroleum, petroleum products and related products — Determination of density — Laboratory density meter with an oscillating U-tube sensor

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The main changes are as follows:

— definitions have been added in Clause 3;

— a quality control (QC) check has been added in 9.5.

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Introduction

The first edition of this standard (ISO 12185:1996) was written at a time when there were relatively few models of density meter with an oscillating U-tube sensor on the market.

There are now a considerable number of different manufacturers and models of laboratory density meter available worldwide, many of which use different methodologies or algorithms to cope with the effect of viscosity on displayed density.

This document therefore encompasses a wider range of instruments than those covered in the first edition and gives guidance and requirements for accurate density analyses, such as apparatus and apparatus preparation (see Clauses 5 and 9, Annex A).