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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 15112:2011), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- [Figures 7](#) and [8](#) have been redrafted;
- [Clause 9](#) has been updated;
- [Annex K](#) has been added.

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Introduction

Since the early 1800s, it has been general practice for manufactured gas and, subsequently, natural gas to be bought and sold on a volumetric basis. Much time and effort has therefore been devoted to developing the means of flow measurement.

Because of the increasing value of energy and variations in gas quality, billing on the basis of thermal energy has now become essential between contracting partners and the need to determine calorific value by measurement or calculation has led to a number of techniques. However, the manner in which calorific value data are applied to flow volume data to produce the energy content of a given volume of natural gas has been far from a standardized procedure.

Energy determination is frequently a necessary factor wherever and whenever natural gas is metered, from production and processing operations through to end-user consumption. This document has been developed to cover aspects related to production/transmission and distribution/end user. It provides guidance to users of how energy units for billing purposes are derived, based on either measurement or calculation or both, to increase confidence in results for contracting partners.

Other standards relating to natural gas, flow measurement, calorific value measurement, calculation procedures and data handling with regard to gas production, transmission and distribution involving purchase, sales or commodity transfer of natural gas can be relevant to this document.

This document contains eleven informative annexes.

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1 Scope

This document provides the means for energy determination of natural gas by measurement or by calculation, and describes the related techniques and measures that are necessary to take. The calculation of thermal energy is based on the separate measurement of the quantity, either by mass or by volume, of gas transferred and its measured or calculated calorific value. The general means of calculating uncertainties are also given.

Only systems currently in use are described.

NOTE Use of such systems in commercial or official trade can require the approval of national authorization agencies, and compliance with legal regulations is required.

This document applies to any gas-measuring station from domestic to very large high-pressure transmission.

New techniques are not excluded, provided their proven performance is equivalent to, or better than, that of those techniques referred to in this document.

Gas-measuring systems are not the subject of this document.

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 6976, *Natural gas — Calculation of calorific values, density, relative density and Wobbe index from composition*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

accuracy of measurement

closeness of the agreement between the result of a measurement and a true value of the measurand

[SOURCE: ISO/Guide 98-3:2008, definition B.2.14]

3.2

adjustment

<of a measuring instrument> of bringing a measuring instrument into a state of performance suitable for its use

Note 1 to entry: Adjustment may be automatic, semi-automatic or manual.