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Introduction

The determination of gas composition, impurity concentration and physical properties depend, to a large extent, on sampling technique. The use of correct sampling techniques is an important safety and quality critical step in gas analysis. The design, construction and selection of the sampling equipment to avoid hazardous situations and sampling errors are important and directly influence the results obtained. Any slight carelessness, inexactitude or mistake will seriously influence safety and the results obtained.

Gaseous products are stored and transported in pressure receptacles in the form of compressed or liquefied gas or through gas pipelines. The sampling methods used differ depending upon the package, composition and delivery methods.

This document provides technical guidelines for the sampling of gases in pressure receptacles and pipelines for analytical purposes.

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WARNING — The use of this document can involve a number of hazards. This document does not specify all the safety issues associated with its use. Users of this document are responsible for establishing measures to ensure safety while gas sampling.

1 Scope

This document specifies the general provisions and gives the basic definitions of terms relating to sampling for gas analysis, including sampling devices, sampling methods, sampling technical considerations, and sampling safety.

This document applies to both direct and indirect sampling of gas in pressure receptacles and pipelines, including pure gases and gas mixtures. Compressed and liquefied gases are both considered.

This document applies to the sampling of processed gases and does not involve gas treatment processes.

The sampling procedures specified are not intended for the sampling of special products which are the subject of other International Standards, such as liquefied petroleum gases (see ISO 4257) and gaseous natural gases (see ISO 10715).

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 3165, *Sampling of chemical products for industrial use — Safety in sampling*

ISO 16664, *Gas analysis — Handling of calibration gases and gas mixture — Guidelines*

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 <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 gas

materials which are present completely in gaseous form at a temperature of 20 °C under the absolute pressure of 0,101 3 MPa

Note 1 to entry: The materials here include single mediums and mixtures.

3.2 compressed gas

gas (3.1) which, when packaged under pressure for transport, is entirely gaseous at all temperatures above -50 °C

Note 1 to entry: This category includes all gases with a critical temperature less than or equal to -50 °C.

[SOURCE: ISO 10286:2015, 705, modified — Modified to include all temperatures above -50 °C.]