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processes — Equipment for capture
and separation of welding fume —**

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General requirements**

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Introduction

Welding and allied processes generate fumes and gases which, if inhaled, can be harmful to human health. Therefore, control of the fumes and gases generated is to be exercised to minimize worker exposure.

The most effective method of control is to capture the fumes and gases close to their source before they enter a worker's breathing zone or the general workplace environment.

Ventilation equipment used to capture the fumes and gases is to be fit for purpose because inefficient capture can result in high exposure and can be detrimental to workers' health. Therefore, it is important that it adheres to defined manufacturing, materials and design requirements and gives warning of malfunction.

This document is a type-C standard as stated in ISO 12100.

This document is of relevance, in particular, for the following stakeholder groups representing the market players with regard to machinery safety:

- machine manufacturers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- health and safety bodies (regulators, accident prevention organisations, market surveillance etc.);

Others can be affected by the level of machinery safety achieved with the means of the document by the above-mentioned stakeholder groups:

- machine users/employers (small, medium and large enterprises);
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- service providers, e. g. for maintenance (small, medium and large enterprises);
- consumers (in case of machinery intended for use by consumers).

The above-mentioned stakeholder groups have been given the possibility to participate at the drafting process of this document.

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