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- the document is now applicable to both gaseous and liquid hydrogen;
- Annex C has been revised to provide a template to be used as an example for the risk assessment.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the quality characteristics of liquid or gaseous hydrogen fuel dispensed at hydrogen refuelling stations for use in proton exchange membrane (PEM) fuel cell vehicle systems, and the corresponding quality assurance considerations for ensuring uniformity of the hydrogen fuel.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology 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 constituent

component (or compound) found within a hydrogen fuel mixture

3.2 contaminant

impurity that adversely affects the components within the fuel cell system or the hydrogen storage system

Note 1 to entry: An adverse effect can be reversible or irreversible.

3.3 detection limit

lowest quantity of a substance that can be distinguished from the absence of that substance with a stated confidence limit

3.4 fuel cell system

power system used for the generation of electricity on a fuel cell vehicle, typically containing the following subsystems: fuel cell stack, air processing, fuel processing, thermal management and water management

3.5 hydrogen fuel index

fraction or percentage of a fuel mixture that is hydrogen

3.6 irreversible effect

effect which results in a permanent degradation of the fuel cell power system performance that cannot be restored by practical changes of operational conditions and/or gas composition

3.7 on-site fuel supply

hydrogen fuel supplying system with a hydrogen production system in the same site

3.8**off-site fuel supply**

hydrogen fuel supplying system without a hydrogen production system in the same site, receiving hydrogen fuel which is produced out of the site

3.9**particulate**

solid or liquid particle (aerosol) that can be entrained somewhere in the delivery, storage, or transfer of the hydrogen fuel

3.10**reversible effect**

effect which results in a non-permanent degradation of the fuel cell power system performance that can be restored by practical changes of operational conditions and/or gas composition

4 Requirements

The fuel quality requirements at the dispenser nozzle shall meet the requirements of Table 1.

NOTE The fuel specification is not process or feedstock specific. Non-listed contaminants have no guarantee of being benign.

Table 1 — Fuel quality specifications for PEM fuel cell road vehicle applications

Constituent	Characteristics
Hydrogen fuel index (minimum mole fraction) ^a	99,97 %
Total non-hydrogen gases	300 µmol/mol
Maximum concentration of individual contaminants	
Water (H ₂ O) ^b	5 µmol/mol
Total hydrocarbons ^c (excluding methane) C1 equivalent	2 µmol/mol
Methane (CH ₄)	100 µmol/mol
Oxygen (O ₂)	5 µmol/mol
Helium (He)	300 µmol/mol
Nitrogen (N ₂)	300 µmol/mol
Argon (Ar)	300 µmol/mol
Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)	2 µmol/mol
Carbon monoxide (CO) ^d	0,2 µmol/mol
Sulfur compounds (H ₂ S equivalent) ^e	0,004 µmol/mol
Formaldehyde (HCHO) ^d	0,2 µmol/mol
Ammonia (NH ₃)	0,1 µmol/mol
Halogenated compounds ^f (halogen equivalent)	0,05 µmol/mol
Maximum particulates concentration	1 mg/kg