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This document (EN 12972:2018) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 296 “Tanks for the transport of dangerous goods”, the secretariat of which is held by AFNOR.

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This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association.

In comparison with EN 12972:2015, the following fundamental changes have been made:

- a) alignment with RID [1] and ADR [2] as known at publication of this document;
- b) update of the normative references;
- c) addition of requirements for NDT and manufacturing tolerances;
- d) amendment of hydraulic pressure test and leakproofness test;
- e) deletion of Subclauses 5.6.4 “Test fluid” and 5.6.5 “Precautions for gas as a test fluid”;
- f) deletion of Annex C “Hydraulic pressure testing with gases – hazards and precautions”.

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## **Introduction**

The types and frequencies of the inspections and tests as well as the responsibilities are given by the relevant regulations concerning the transport of dangerous goods. This document becomes mandatory if declared as such in the relevant regulation concerning the transport of dangerous goods. In all the other cases, it will remain voluntary like any European Standard, and aim at being used as a guidance for the testing, inspection and marking of metallic tanks.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies testing, inspection and marking for the type approval, initial inspection, periodic inspection, intermediate inspection and exceptional check of metallic tanks (shell and equipment) of fixed tanks (tank vehicles), demountable tanks, tank-wagons, portable tanks and tank containers for the transport of dangerous goods.

This document is not applicable to battery-vehicles and battery-wagons comprising cylinders, tubes, pressure drums, bundles of cylinders, and multiple element gas containers (MEGCs), independent of whether the elements are receptacles or tanks.

## 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.

EN 590, *Automotive fuels – Diesel - Requirements and test methods*

EN 837-1, *Pressure gauges – Part 1: Bourdon tube pressure gauges - Dimensions, metrology, requirements and testing*

EN 837-2, *Pressure gauges – Part 2: Selection and installation recommendations for pressure gauges*

EN 837-3, *Pressure gauges – Part 3: Diaphragm and capsule pressure gauges - Dimensions, metrology, requirements and testing*

EN 12079-1, *Offshore containers and associated lifting sets – Part 1: Offshore container - Design, manufacture and marking*

EN 12663-2, *Railway applications - Structural requirements of railway vehicle bodies – Part 2: Freight wagons*

EN 13094:2015, *Tanks for the transport of dangerous goods - Metallic tanks with a working pressure not exceeding 0,5 bar - Design and construction*

EN ISO 148-1, *Metallic materials - Charpy pendulum impact test – Part 1: Test method (ISO 148-1)*

EN ISO 3452-1, *Non-destructive testing - Penetrant testing – Part 1: General principles (ISO 3452-1)*

EN ISO 3834-2, *Quality requirements for fusion welding of metallic materials – Part 2: Comprehensive quality requirements (ISO 3834-2)*

EN ISO 4136, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials - Transverse tensile test (ISO 4136)*

EN ISO 5173, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials - Bend tests (ISO 5173)*

EN ISO 6520-1:2007, *Welding and allied processes - Classification of geometric imperfections in metallic materials – Part 1: Fusion welding (ISO 6520-1:2007)*

EN ISO 9015-1:2011, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials - Hardness testing – Part 1: Hardness test on arc welded joints (ISO 9015-1:2001)*

EN ISO 9016:2012, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials - Impact tests - Test specimen location, notch orientation and examination (ISO 9016:2012)*

EN ISO 9606-1, *Qualification testing of welders - Fusion welding – Part 1: Steels (ISO 9606-1)*

EN ISO 9606-2, *Qualification test of welders - Fusion welding – Part 2: Aluminium and aluminium alloys (ISO 9606-2)*

EN ISO 9606-3, *Approval testing of welders - Fusion welding – Part 3: Copper and copper alloys (ISO 9606-3)*

EN ISO 9606-4, *Approval testing of welders - Fusion welding – Part 4: Nickel and nickel alloys (ISO 9606-4)*

EN ISO 9712, *Non-destructive testing - Qualification and certification of NDT personnel (ISO 9712)*

EN ISO 11666, *Non-destructive testing of welds - Ultrasonic testing - Acceptance levels (ISO 11666)*

EN ISO 14731, *Welding coordination - Tasks and responsibilities (ISO 14731)*

EN ISO 14732, *Welding personnel - Qualification testing of welding operators and weld setters for mechanized and automatic welding of metallic materials (ISO 14732)*

EN ISO 15607, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials - General rules (ISO 15607)*

CEN ISO/TR 15608, *Welding - Guidelines for a metallic materials grouping system (ISO/TR 15608)*

EN ISO 15609-1, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials - Welding procedure specification – Part 1: Arc welding (ISO 15609-1)*

EN ISO 15614-1, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials - Welding procedure test – Part 1: Arc and gas welding of steels and arc welding of nickel and nickel alloys (ISO 15614-1)*

EN ISO 15614-2, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials - Welding procedure test – Part 2: Arc welding of aluminium and its alloys (ISO 15614-2)*

EN ISO 17636-1, *Non-destructive testing of welds - Radiographic testing – Part 1: X- and gamma-ray techniques with film (ISO 17636-1)*

EN ISO 17636-2, *Non-destructive testing of welds - Radiographic testing - Part 2: X- and gamma-ray techniques with digital detectors (ISO 17636-2)*

EN ISO 17637, *Non-destructive testing of welds - Visual testing of fusion-welded joints (ISO 17637)*

EN ISO 17638, *Non-destructive testing of welds - Magnetic particle testing (ISO 17638)*

EN ISO 17639:2013, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials - Macroscopic and microscopic examination of welds (ISO 17639:2003)*

EN ISO 17640, *Non-destructive testing of welds - Ultrasonic testing - Techniques, testing levels, and assessment (ISO 17640)*

EN ISO 17643:2015, *Non-destructive testing of welds - Eddy current examination of welds by complex plane analysis (ISO 17643:2015)*

EN ISO 23277:2015, *Non-destructive testing of welds - Penetrant testing - Acceptance levels (ISO 23277:2015)*

EN ISO 23278:2015, *Non-destructive testing of welds - Magnetic particle testing - Acceptance levels (ISO 23278:2015)*

IMO MSC/Circ. 860, Guidelines for the approval of offshore containers handled in open seas<sup>1</sup>

UN Manual of Tests and Criteria, Part IV<sup>2</sup>

### 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviations

#### 3.1 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:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

NOTE 1 The definitions of terms used in this document are taken as those given by the applicable regulations concerning the transport of dangerous goods unless otherwise stated.

NOTE 2 Additional terms and definitions can be found in EN 14564 [3].

##### 3.1.1 expert

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