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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);
- machine users/employees (e.g. trade unions, organizations for people with special needs);
- 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.

In addition, this document is intended for standardization bodies elaborating type-C standards.

The requirements of this document can be supplemented or modified by a type-C standard.

For machines which are covered by the scope of a type-C standard and which have been designed and built according to the requirements of that standard, the requirements of that type-C standard take precedence.

Health and safety in welding and allied processes — Equipment for capture and separation of welding fume —

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This document defines the general requirements for ventilation equipment used to capture and separate fumes generated by welding and allied processes, e.g. arc welding and thermal cutting.

This document also specifies the test data to be marked on the capture devices.

It applies to the design and manufacture of parts of the equipment including hoods for welding, ducting, filter units, air movers, systems that inform of unsafe operation and workplace practices to ensure safe working with regard to exposure.

Significant hazards are listed in [Clause 4](#). It does not cover electrical, mechanical and pneumatic hazards.

This document is applicable to:

- local exhaust ventilation systems (LEV) excluding draught tables;
- mobile and stationary equipment;
- separation equipment used for welding and allied processes;

This document is not applicable to:

- general ventilation, air make up or air movement systems;
- air conditioning systems;
- grinding dust.

This document applies to systems designed and manufactured after its publication.

NOTE Specific safety requirements for thermal cutting machines are defined in ISO 17916.

2 Normative references

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ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 13849-1:2015, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design*

ISO 21904-2:2020, *Health and safety in welding and allied processes — Equipment for capture and separation of welding fume — Part 2: Requirements for testing and marking of separation efficiency*