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## Introduction

This document gives simplified methods for the calculation of (dynamic) viscosity, Joule-Thomson coefficient, and isentropic exponent for use in natural gas calculations in the temperature range  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , with absolute pressures up to 10 MPa, and only within the gas phase. For the Joule-Thomson coefficient and isentropic exponent, the uncertainty of the formulae provided is greater than that obtained from a complete equation of state such as GERG-2008<sup>[1]</sup> (see ISO 20765-2) but is considered to be fit for purpose. The formulae given here are very simple.

# Natural gas — Calculation of thermodynamic properties —

## Part 5:

## Calculation of viscosity, Joule-Thomson coefficient, and isentropic exponent

### 1 Scope

This document specifies methods to calculate (dynamic) viscosity, Joule-Thomson coefficient, isentropic exponent, and speed of sound, excluding density, for use in the metering of natural gas flow.

### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

### 4 Background

The main motivation for this document is to provide simplified methods for the calculations required, according to ISO 5167, to measure flow of high-pressure natural gas with an orifice plate meter.

Useful references for the work herein are given below:

- a) ISO 5167-1:1991, *Measurement of fluid flow in closed conduits — Part 1: Pressure differential devices*
- b) EN 5167-1:1997, *Measurement of fluid flow by means of pressure differential devices — Part 1: Orifice plates, nozzles and Venturi tubes inserted in circular cross-section conduits running full*
- c) ISO 5167-1:2003, *Measurement of fluid flow by means of pressure differential devices inserted in circular cross-section conduits running full — Part 1: General principles and requirements*
- d) ISO 5167-2:2003, *Measurement of fluid flow by means of pressure differential devices inserted in circular cross-section conduits running full — Part 2: Orifice plates*

The basic mass flowrate,  $q$ , formula is:

$$q = \frac{C}{\sqrt{1-\beta^4}} \varepsilon \frac{\pi}{4} d^2 \sqrt{2 \cdot \Delta P \cdot D} \quad (1)$$

where

$C$  is a function of  $\beta$ ,  $Re$ , and the type of orifice pressure tappings;

$\varepsilon$  is a function of  $\beta$ ,  $P$ ,  $\Delta P$ , and  $\kappa$ .

The symbols are defined in [Annex A](#). The standards above differ in the functions for  $C$  and  $\varepsilon$ . Although  $q$  is given by [Formula \(1\)](#), iteration is required since  $C$  is a function of  $Re$ , and  $Re$  is a function of  $q$ . Similarly, given  $q$  in [Formula \(1\)](#) does not directly give  $\Delta P$  since  $\varepsilon$  is a function of  $\Delta P$ .