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## Foreword

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# Hydrometry — Calibration of current-meters in straight open tanks

## 1 Scope 🥒

This International Standard specifies the procedure of calibration of current-meters of rotating-element type as well as stationary-sensor type (electromagnetic type) in straight open tanks. It also specifies the types of tank, rating carriage and equipment to be used and the method of presenting the results.

The procedure does not take into account any possible difference existing between the behaviour of a currentmeter moving in motionless water and that of a fixed current-meter in turbulent flow.

## 2 Normative reference

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

ISO 772, Hydrometric determinations — Vocabulary and symbols

ISO 2537, Hydrometry — Rotating-element current-meters

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions used in ISO 772 apply.

## 4 Principle of calibration

Calibration of a current-meter means experimental determination of the relationship between liquid velocity and either the rate of revolution of the rotating element or the velocity directly indicated by the current-meter. For this purpose, the current-meter is mounted on a towing carriage and drawn through still water contained in a straight tank of a uniform cross section at a number of steady speeds of the towing carriage. Simultaneous measurements of the speed of the towing carriage and the rate of revolution of the rotating element or the velocity indicated by the current-meter are made. In the case of rotating-element current-meters, the two parameters are related by one or more equations, the limits of validity of which are stated. In the case of stationary-sensor type current-meters, the velocity indicated by its display unit is compared with the corresponding carriage speed to know the error in measurement.

### 5 Design criteria for calibration stations

#### 5.1 Dimensions of rating (calibration) tank

#### 5.1.1 General

The dimensions of the tank and the number and relative position of current-meters in the tank cross section shall be chosen so that the test results are not affected.