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**Part 4:
Self-acting gas seal support systems**

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Foreword

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ISO 10438 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Lubrication, shaft-sealing and control-oil systems and auxiliaries*:

- *Part 1: General requirements*
- *Part 2: Special-purpose oil systems*
- *Part 3: General-purpose oil systems*
- *Part 4: Self-acting gas seal support systems*

Introduction

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Part 4: Self-acting gas seal support systems

1 Scope

This part of ISO 10438 in conjunction with ISO 10438-1 specifies requirements for support systems for self-acting gas seals (dry gas seals), for example as described in ISO 10439 and ISO 10440-1. These systems can serve equipment such as compressors, gears, pumps and drivers.

NOTE For the purposes of this statement of scope, API 617 is equivalent to ISO 10439 and API 619 is equivalent to ISO 10440-1.

2 Normative references

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 10438-1:2007, *Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries — Lubrication, shaft-sealing and control-oil systems and auxiliaries — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 15649, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Piping*

API RP 520, *Sizing, Selection, and Installation of Pressure-Relieving Devices in Refineries — Part I: Sizing and Selection*

API RP 520, *Sizing, Selection, and Installation of Pressure-Relieving Devices in Refineries — Part II: Installation*

API 526, *Flanged Steel Pressure Relief Valves*

ANSI/ASME B31.3, *Process Piping*

3 Terms, abbreviated terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms, abbreviated terms and definitions given in ISO 10438-1 apply.