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Foreword

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ISO 13500 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 67, *Materials, equipment and offshore structures for petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Drilling and completion fluids, and well cements*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 13500:2006), subclauses 7.1.2/Table 2, 7.3.1, 8.5.2, 8.6.5, 8.13.4, 10.2.5, 11.4, 14.4.3, and 15.4.3 of which have been technically revised. Clause 17 on low-viscosity polyanionic cellulose, Clause 18 on high-viscosity polyanionic cellulose, and Clause 19 on drilling-grade xanthan gum have been added.

Introduction

This International Standard covers materials that are in common usage in petroleum and natural-gas drilling fluids. These materials are used in bulk quantities, can be purchased from multiple sources and are available as commodity products. No single-source or limited-source products are included, nor are speciality products.

International Standards are published to facilitate communication between purchasers and manufacturers, to provide interchangeability between similar equipment and materials purchased from different manufacturers and/or at different times and to provide an adequate level of safety when the equipment or materials are utilized in the manner and for the purposes intended. This International Standard provides minimum requirements and is not intended to inhibit anyone from purchasing or producing materials to other standards.

This International Standard is substantially based on API Spec 13A, 16th Edition, February 1, 2004. The purpose of this International Standard is to provide product specifications for barite, haematite, bentonite, nontreated bentonite, Oil Companies' Materials Association (OCMA) grade bentonite, attapulgite, sepiolite, technical-grade low-viscosity carboxymethylcellulose (CMC-LVT), technical-grade high-viscosity carboxymethylcellulose (CMC-HVT), starch, low-viscosity polyanionic cellulose, high-viscosity polyanionic cellulose and drilling-grade *Xanthomadnas campestris*.

The intent of the document is to incorporate all International Standards for drilling fluid materials into an ISO-formatted document. A survey of the industry found that only the American Petroleum Institute (API) issued testing procedures and specification standards for these materials.

Reference to OCMA materials has been included in API work, as the OCMA and subsequent holding committees were declared defunct, and all specifications were submitted to API in 1983.

Annex A (informative) lists the mineral impurities in barite, Annex B (informative) provides the test precision and Annex C (informative) details examples of calculations.

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1 Scope

This International Standard covers physical properties and test procedures for materials manufactured for use in oil- and gas-well drilling fluids. The materials covered are barite, haematite, bentonite, nontreated bentonite, OCMA-grade bentonite, attapulgite, sepiolite, technical-grade low-viscosity carboxymethylcellulose (CMC-LVT), technical-grade high-viscosity carboxymethylcellulose (CMC-HVT), starch, low-viscosity polyanionic cellulose (PAC-LV), high-viscosity polyanionic cellulose (PAC-HV) and drilling-grade *Xanthomonas campestris* (Xanthan gum). This International Standard is intended for the use of manufacturers of named products.

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 6780, *Flat pallets for intercontinental materials handling — Principal dimensions and tolerances*

ISO 10414-1:2008, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Field testing of drilling fluids — Part 1: Water-based fluids*

ASTM D422, *Standard Test Method for Particle-Size Analysis of Soils*

ASTM E11, *Standard Specification for Wire Cloth and Sieves for Testing Purposes*

ASTM E161, *Standard Specification for Precision Electroformed Sieves*

ASTM E77, *Standard Test Method for Inspection and Verification of Thermometers*

ASTM E177, *Standard Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods*

NIST (NBS) Monograph 150, *Liquid-In-Glass Thermometry*

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1.1
ACS reagent grade
chemicals that meet purity standards as specified by the American Chemical Society (ACS)