
**Cryogenic vessels — Large
transportable vacuum-insulated
vessels —**

**Part 2:
Operational requirements**

*Réipients cryogéniques — Grands réipients transportables, isolés,
sous vide —*

Partie 2: Exigences de fonctionnement



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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 20421-2:2005), which has been technically revised.

A list of all parts in the ISO 20421 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

Elements of this document support the requirements of the UN-Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and other international, national or local requirements.

Large transportable cryogenic vessels are often partly equipped by the manufacturer, but may be completed or re-equipped by another party, such as the operator or owner. For this reason, some of the scope of this document, which includes putting into service, inspection, filling, maintenance and emergency procedures, overlaps with ISO 20421-1.

This document applies to vessels for cryogenic fluids, primarily as specified in ISO 20421-1. It may also be used for vessels for cryogenic fluids manufactured and designed to other standards, e.g. EN 13530-2. In case of conflict between the requirements of this document with applicable regulations, regulations take precedence.

Cryogenic vessels — Large transportable vacuum-insulated vessels —

Part 2: Operational requirements

1 Scope

This document specifies operational requirements for large transportable vacuum-insulated cryogenic vessels.

These operational requirements include putting into service, filling, withdrawal, transport within the location, storage, maintenance, periodic inspection and emergency procedures.

For the transport of these vessels by public road, rail, waterway, sea and air, additional requirements can apply; these are defined in specific regulations.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 20421-1, *Cryogenic vessels — Large transportable vacuum-insulated vessels — Part 1: Design, fabrication, inspection and testing*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

putting into service

operation by which a new vessel being used for the first time or an existing vessel being returned to service is prepared for use

Note 1 to entry: Initial inspections and tests are covered in ISO 20421-1 or similar design standards, e.g. EN 13530-2.

3.2

filling

operation by which a transportable vessel undergoes a prefill check, filling with a cryogenic fluid and an after-fill check

3.3

withdrawal

operation by which the product is taken from a vessel connected to the supply system