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This part is to be read in conjunction with IEC 61400-1:2019, *Wind energy generation systems – Part 1: Design requirements* and IEC 61400-3-1:2019, *Wind energy generation systems – Part 3-1: Design requirements for fixed offshore wind turbines*.

From Clause 2 forward, this document does not replicate text from IEC 61400-1 and IEC 61400-3-1; instead, the section headings (including numbering) and text from IEC 61400-3-1 apply to this document except where noted. Exceptions include additions, deletions, or changes in requirements for FOWT relative to fixed offshore wind turbines. New clauses, subclauses, annexes, equations, tables, and terms and definitions in this document are numbered sequentially following the last corresponding number from IEC 61400-3-1.

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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61400 outlines minimum design requirements for floating offshore wind turbines (FOWT) and is not intended for use as a complete design specification or instruction manual.

Several different parties may be responsible for undertaking the various elements of the design, manufacture, assembly, installation, erection, commissioning, operation and maintenance of an offshore wind turbine and for ensuring that the requirements of this document are met. The division of responsibility between these parties is a contractual matter and is outside the scope of this document.

Any of the requirements of this document may be altered if it can be suitably demonstrated that the safety of the system is not compromised. Compliance with this document does not relieve any person, organization, or corporation from the responsibility of observing other applicable regulations.

WIND ENERGY GENERATION SYSTEMS –

Part 3-2: Design requirements for floating offshore wind turbines

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61400, which is a technical specification, specifies additional requirements for assessment of the external conditions at a floating offshore wind turbine (FOWT) site and specifies essential design requirements to ensure the engineering integrity of FOWTs. Its purpose is to provide an appropriate level of protection against damage from all hazards during the planned lifetime.

This document focuses on the engineering integrity of the structural components of a FOWT but is also concerned with subsystems such as control and protection mechanisms, internal electrical systems and mechanical systems.

A wind turbine is considered as a FOWT if the floating substructure is subject to hydrodynamic loading and supported by buoyancy and a station-keeping system. A FOWT encompasses five principal subsystems: the RNA, the tower, the floating substructure, the station-keeping system and the on-board machinery, equipment and systems that are not part of the RNA.

The following types of floating substructures are explicitly considered within the context of this document:

- a) ship-shaped structures and barges,
- b) semi-submersibles (Semi),
- c) spar buoys (Spar),
- d) tension-leg platforms/buoys (TLP / TLB).

In addition to the structural types listed above, this document generally covers other floating platforms intended to support wind turbines. These other structures can have a great range of variability in geometry and structural forms and, therefore, can be only partly covered by the requirements of this document. In other cases, specific requirements stated in this document can be found not to apply to all or part of a structure under design. In all the above cases, conformity with this document will require that the design is based upon its underpinning principles and achieves a level of safety equivalent, or superior, to the level implicit in it.

This document is applicable to unmanned floating structures with one single horizontal axis turbine. Additional considerations might be needed for multi-turbine units on a single floating substructure, vertical-axis wind turbines, or combined wind/wave energy systems.

This document is to be used together with the appropriate IEC and ISO standards mentioned in Clause 2. In particular, this document is intended to be fully consistent with the requirements of IEC 61400-1 and IEC 61400-3-1. The safety level of the FOWT designed according to this document is to be at or exceed the level inherent in IEC 61400-1 and IEC 61400-3-1.

2 Normative references

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IEC 61400-1:2019, *Wind energy generation systems – Part 1: Design requirements*

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ISO 19901-1:2015, *Petroleum and natural gas industries – Specific requirements for offshore structures – Part 1: Metocean design and operating conditions*

ISO 19901-4:2016, *Petroleum and natural gas industries – Specific requirements for offshore structures – Part 4: Geotechnical and foundation design considerations*

ISO 19901-6:2009, *Petroleum and natural gas industries – Specific requirements for offshore structures – Part 6: Marine operations*

ISO 19901-7:2013, *Petroleum and natural gas industries – Specific requirements for offshore structures – Part 7: Stationkeeping systems for floating offshore structures and mobile offshore units*

ISO 19904-1:2006, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Floating offshore structures — Part 1: Monohulls, semisubmersibles and spars*

ISO 19906:2010, *Petroleum and natural gas industries – Arctic offshore structures*

IMO Resolution MSC.267(85), *International Code on Intact Stability*, 2008 (2008 IS CODE)

API RP 2FPS: 2011, *Recommended Practice for Planning, Designing, and Constructing Floating Production Systems*

API RP 2T (R2015): 2010, *Recommended Practice for Planning, Designing, and Constructing Tension Leg Platforms*

3 Terms and definitions

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external region of the FOWT support structure that is frequently wetted due to waves, tidal variations and floating substructure motions