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and temperature in storage tanks by
automatic methods —**

**Part 1:
Measurement of level in atmospheric
tanks**

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de la température dans les réservoirs de stockage par méthodes
automatiques —*

*Partie 1: Mesurage du niveau dans les réservoirs à pression
atmosphérique*



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The main changes are as follows:

- it has been specified in the scope that this document includes fiscal/custody transfer applications;
- in [4.3.2](#), it has been clarified that temperatures should be measured and recorded simultaneously with the level;
- in [6.5.7](#), the perforation distance on still-well's from 300 mm to 150 mm has been updated.

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Petroleum and liquid petroleum products — Measurement of level and temperature in storage tanks by automatic methods —

Part 1: Measurement of level in atmospheric tanks

1 Scope

This document gives requirements and guidance on the accuracy, installation, commissioning, calibration and verification of automatic level gauges (ALGs). It applies to ALGs which are both intrusive and non-intrusive types, in fiscal/custody transfer applications for measuring the level of petroleum and petroleum products having a Reid vapour pressure less than 100 kPa, stored in atmospheric storage tanks.

This document is not applicable to the measurement of level in refrigerated storage tanks with ALG equipment.

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 1998 (all parts), *Petroleum industry — Terminology*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1998 (all parts) and the following apply.

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

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

3.1

automatic level gauge

ALG

automatic tank gauge

ATG

instrument that continuously measures liquid height [*dip* (3.2) or *ullage* (3.10)] in storage tanks

3.2

dip

innage

vertical distance between the *dipping datum plate* (3.3) and the liquid level