
**Petroleum and natural gas
industries — Control and mitigation
of fires and explosions on offshore
production installations —
Requirements and guidelines**

*Industries du pétrole et du gaz naturel — Contrôle et atténuation des
feux et des explosions dans les installations en mer — Exigences et
lignes directrices*



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Foreword

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Introduction

The successful development of the arrangements required to promote safety and environmental protection during the recovery of hydrocarbon resources requires a structured approach to the identification and management of health, safety, and environmental hazards applied during the design, construction, operation, inspection, maintenance, and decommissioning of a facility.

This International Standard has been prepared primarily to assist in the development of new installations through their lifecycle. For existing installations that predate this International Standard, not all requirements are necessarily appropriate. Retrospective application of this International Standard can be undertaken where it is reasonably practicable to do so. During the planning for a major change to an installation, there will be more opportunity to implement the requirements. A careful review of this International Standard will determine those sections which can be utilized in the change.

The technical content of this International Standard is arranged as follows.

- **Objectives:** lists the goals to be achieved by the control and mitigation measures being described.
- **Functional requirements:** represent the minimum criteria to meet the stated objectives. The functional requirements are performance-orientated measures and, as such, are applicable to the variety of offshore installations utilized for the development of hydrocarbon resources throughout the world.
- **Annex A (informative):** typical fire and explosion hazardous events.
- **Annex B (informative):** describes recognized practices to be considered in conjunction with statutory requirements, industry standards, and individual operator philosophy to determine that the measures necessary are implemented for the control and mitigation of fires and explosions. The guidelines are limited to principal elements and are intended to provide specific guidance which, due to the wide variety of offshore operating environments, cannot be applicable in some circumstances.
- **Annex C (informative):** typical examples of design requirements for large integrated offshore installations.
- **Bibliography:** lists documents to which informative reference is made in this International Standard.

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1 Scope

This International Standard describes the objectives and functional requirements for the control and mitigation of fires and explosions on offshore installations used for the development of hydrocarbon resources.

This International Standard is applicable to the following:

- fixed offshore structures;
- floating systems for production, storage, and offloading;
- petroleum and natural gas industries.

Mobile offshore units as defined in this International Standard and subsea installations are excluded, although many of the principles contained in this International Standard can be used as guidance.

This International Standard is based on an approach where the selection of control and mitigation measures for fires and explosions is determined by an evaluation of hazards on the offshore installation. The methodologies employed in this assessment and the resultant recommendations will differ depending on the complexity of the production process and facilities, type of facility (i.e. open or enclosed), manning levels, and environmental conditions associated with the area of operation.

NOTE Statutory requirements, rules, and regulations can, in addition, be applicable for the individual offshore installation concerned.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC Guide 73, *Risk management — Vocabulary*

3 Terms, definitions, and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC Guide 73 and the following apply.

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abandonment

act of personnel onboard leaving an installation in an emergency