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Introduction

Operations in an Arctic environment are characterized by low ambient temperatures, the presence of sea ice and ice bergs and icing of structures and components. In many cases they are also associated with remote locations relative to infrastructure and logistics. Maintenance operations are therefore expensive and accidents leading to emissions can have severe environmental consequences.

Structural failure is in most cases failure of materials and caused by well-known degradation mechanisms such as fatigue and corrosion. Under Arctic conditions, failure due to possible brittle materials behaviour needs to be given special consideration.

This document was developed to bridge the gap between the functional requirements to offshore structures in Arctic environments given in design standards and the material requirements given in material and fabrication specifications where Arctic operating conditions have not been considered in sufficient detail.

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1 Scope

This document provides recommendations for material selection, manufacturing and fabrication requirements, testing and qualification of steel structures and components for offshore and onshore petroleum and natural gas facilities operating in Arctic and cold environments.

This document is intended to be used as a supplement to existing standards for steel structures where the particular operating conditions in Arctic regions are not sufficiently addressed.

This document gives particular requirements to ensure safe operation with respect to the risk of brittle fracture at low temperatures. These requirements will affect the selection of material grade and design class as well as the technical delivery conditions for steel. They will also affect the fabrication requirements as well as testing and qualification requirements.

This document also gives recommendations:

- to mitigate the operational and integrity aspects related to snow and ice accretion on topside structures;
- to take into account the particular Arctic operating conditions in corrosion assessments and requirements for corrosion protection systems;
- for particular operational requirements to ensure safe operation in Arctic regions.

The requirements in this document are applicable to any operating temperatures, but particular requirements related to de-rating (loss of strength) at high temperatures are not addressed. Limitations to the applicable minimum design temperature caused by the capability of the materials' low temperature performance can exist, but are not a limitation for the scope of this document.

As a practical guideline for the use of this document, low temperature is defined as lowest anticipated service temperature (LAST) below $-10\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$.

NOTE For determination of LAST, see [6.3.2](#).

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 19900, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — General requirements for offshore structures*

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

ISO 19901-2, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Specific requirements for offshore structures — Part 2: Seismic design procedures and criteria*

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

ISO 19902:2007, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Fixed steel offshore structures*