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### 1. Scope\*

1.1 This practice covers handling, mixing, and conditioning procedures that are required to ensure that a representative sample of the liquid petroleum or petroleum product is delivered from the primary sample container or container or both into the analytical apparatus or into intermediate containers.

1.2 **Appendix X1** details the background information on the development of Table 1 used in performance testing. **Appendix X2** provides guidance in the acceptance testing for water in crude oil. **Appendix X3** provides a guide for materials of sample containers. **Appendix X4** provides a summary of recommended mixing procedures. **Appendix X5** provides a flow chart for sample container/mixing system acceptance test.

1.3 For sampling procedures, refer to Practices **D4057** (API *MPMS* Chapter 8.1) and **D4177** (API *MPMS* Chapter 8.2). Practice **D5842** (API *MPMS* Chapter 8.4) covers sampling and handling of light fuels for volatility measurement, and **D8009** (API *MPMS* Chapter 8.5).

1.4 It is recommended that the users of this practice perform the tests in Practice **D4177** (API *MPMS* Chapter 8.2) before performing the test in this practice.

1.5 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

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*Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

**D3700 Practice for Obtaining LPG Samples Using a Floating Piston Cylinder**

**D4057 Practice for Manual Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products**

**D4177 Practice for Automatic Sampling of Petroleum and Petroleum Products**

**D4306 Practice for Aviation Fuel Sample Containers for Tests Affected by Trace Contamination**

**D5842 Practice for Sampling and Handling of Fuels for Volatility Measurement**

**D8009 Practice for Manual Piston Cylinder Sampling for Volatile Crude Oils, Condensates, and Liquid Petroleum Products**

#### 2.2 API Documents:<sup>3</sup>

**Manual of Petroleum Measurement Standards, Chapter 10, Sediment and Water (all sections)**

**Publication 2003, Protection Against Ignitions Arising Out of Static, Lighting, and Stray Currents**

**Publication 2026, Safe Descent onto Floating Roofs of Storage Tanks in Petroleum Service**

**Publication 2217, Guideline for Confined Space Work in the Petroleum Industry**

#### 2.3 Department of Transportation:<sup>4</sup>

**Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Section 173**

**2.4 Occupational Safety and Health Standards:<sup>4</sup>**

**29 Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart Z, “Toxic and Hazardous Substances,” Part 1910.1000 and following**

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