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Foreword

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Introduction

Significant differences exist between member countries in the areas of public safety and protection of the environment, which cannot be reconciled into a single preferred approach to pipeline transportation systems for the petroleum and natural gas industries. Reconciliation was further complicated by the existence in some member countries of legislation that establishes requirements for public safety and protection of the environment. Recognizing these differences, ISO/TC 67/SC 2 concluded that this International Standard, ISO 13623, should allow individual countries to apply their national requirements for public safety and the protection of the environment.

This International Standard is not a design manual; rather, it is intended for use in conjunction with sound engineering practice and judgment. This International Standard allows the use of innovative techniques and procedures, such as reliability-based limit state design methods, providing the minimum requirements of this International Standard are satisfied.

Petroleum and natural gas industries — Pipeline transportation systems

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements and gives recommendations for the design, materials, construction, testing, operation, maintenance and abandonment of pipeline systems used for transportation in the petroleum and natural gas industries.

It applies to pipeline systems on land and offshore, connecting wells, production plants, process plants, refineries and storage facilities, including any section of a pipeline constructed within the boundaries of such facilities for the purpose of its connection. The extent of pipeline systems covered by this International Standard is illustrated in Figure 1.

This International Standard applies to rigid, metallic pipelines. It is not applicable for flexible pipelines or those constructed from other materials, such as glass-reinforced plastics.

This International Standard is applicable to all new pipeline systems and can be applied to modifications made to existing ones. It is not intended that it apply retroactively to existing pipeline systems.

It describes the functional requirements of pipeline systems and provides a basis for their safe design, construction, testing, operation, maintenance and abandonment.