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**Cryogenic vessels — Large  
transportable vacuum-insulated  
vessels —**

Part 1:  
**Design, fabrication, inspection and  
testing**

*Réipients cryogéniques — Réipients transportables isolés sous vide  
de grande contenance —*

*Partie 1: Conception, fabrication, inspection et essais*





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- Subclause [12.3](#) has been revised;
- [Annex D](#) has been revised;
- Chinese materials have been added in [Annex G](#).

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## Introduction

This document has been written so that it is suitable to be referenced in the UN Model Regulations<sup>[1]</sup>.

This document does not include the general vehicle requirements, e.g. running gear, brakes, lighting, etc., for which the relevant standards/regulations apply.

# Cryogenic vessels — Large transportable vacuum-insulated vessels —

## Part 1: Design, fabrication, inspection and testing

### 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the design, fabrication, inspection and testing of large transportable vacuum-insulated cryogenic vessels of more than 450 l volume, which are permanently (fixed tanks) or not permanently (demountable tanks and portable tanks) attached to a means of transport, for one or more modes of transport.

This document applies to large transportable vacuum-insulated cryogenic vessels for fluids specified in [3.1](#) and does not apply to vessels designed for toxic fluids.

This document does not include the general vehicle requirements, e.g. running gear, brakes, lighting, etc.

NOTE 1 This document does not cover specific requirements for refillable liquid-hydrogen tanks that are primarily dedicated as fuel tanks in vehicles. For fuel tanks used in land vehicles, see ISO 13985.

NOTE 2 This document does not cover specific requirements for refillable liquid hydrogen and LNG tanks that are primarily dedicated as fuel tanks in vehicles. For fuel tanks used in vehicles, see ISO 13985.

### 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 3834-2, *Quality requirements for fusion welding of metallic materials — Part 2: Comprehensive quality requirements*

ISO 4126-2, *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure — Part 2: Bursting disc safety devices*

ISO 5817, *Welding — Fusion-welded joints in steel, nickel, titanium and their alloys (beam welding excluded) — Quality levels for imperfections*

ISO 9606-1, *Qualification testing of welders — Fusion welding — Part 1: Steels*

ISO 9606-2, *Qualification test of welders — Fusion welding — Part 2: Aluminium and aluminium alloys*

ISO 9712, *Non-destructive testing — Qualification and certification of NDT personnel*

ISO 10042, *Welding — Arc-welded joints in aluminium and its alloys — Quality levels for imperfections*

ISO 10474:2013, *Steel and steel products — Inspection documents*

ISO 10675-1, *Non-destructive testing of welds — Acceptance levels for radiographic testing — Part 1: Steel, nickel, titanium and their alloys*

ISO 14732, *Welding personnel — Qualification testing of welding operators and weld setters for mechanized and automatic welding of metallic materials*