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European foreword

This document (EN 16726:2015) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 234 “Gas infrastructure”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 2016, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 2016.

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The need for a European Standard concerning the specification of the quality of gases of group H is derived from the mandate M/400 issued to CEN by the European Commission.

According to this mandate the goal is to define specifications that are as wide as possible within reasonable costs. This means that the specifications enhance the free flow of gas within the internal EU market, in order to promote competition and security of supply minimizing the negative effects on gas infrastructure and gas networks, efficiency and the environment and allow appliances to be used without compromising safety.

Some requirements specified in this European Standard, Clause 5, cannot be applied in Germany, Hungary and the Netherlands due to existing conflicting national legislation. The related A-Deviations are listed in Annex G.

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Introduction

This European standard sets requirements for gas quality with the aim to allow the free flow of gas between the CEN member states and to enable the security of supply taking into account the impact on the whole value chain from gas production and supply to end uses.

However, at the moment of publication of this European standard, a common Wobbe Index range cannot be defined because of different regulations in CEN Member States and limited knowledge of the influence of broadening Wobbe Index range on integrity, efficiency and safe use of appliances in some countries (see Annex D).

In order to find a common Wobbe Index range, further studies, such as the Gas Quality Harmonization Implementation Pilot, are necessary. The Wobbe Index should be defined when the pending results of these studies are available. The common Wobbe Index range should be implemented in a revised standard in due time.

For hydrogen, at present it is not possible to specify a limiting value which would generally be valid for all parts of the European gas infrastructure (see Annex E).

Responsibility and liability issues in the context of this European standard are subject to European or national regulations.

1 Scope

This European standard specifies gas quality characteristics, parameters and their limits, for gases classified as group H that are to be transmitted, injected into and from storages, distributed and utilized.

NOTE For information on gas families and gas groups see EN 437.

This European standard does not cover gases conveyed on isolated networks.

For biomethane, additional requirements indicated in prEN 16723-1 apply.

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.

EN ISO 13443, *Natural gas - Standard reference conditions (ISO 13443)*

EN ISO 14532, *Natural gas - Vocabulary (ISO 14532)*

ISO 14912, *Gas analysis — Conversion of gas mixture composition data*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN ISO 14532 and the following apply.

3.1

isolated network

network where transmission, distribution and utilization of gas are combined and which is physically unconnected to other networks

3.2

entry point

point at which gas enters a gas distribution or gas transmission system

3.3

interconnection point

physical point connecting adjacent entry-exit systems or connecting an entry-exit system with an interconnector

[SOURCE: Commission Regulation (EU) No 984/2013, modified]

3.4

maximum operating pressure

maximum pressure at which a network can be operated continuously under normal conditions expressed as absolute pressure

Note 1 to entry: Normal conditions are: no fault in any device or stream.

[SOURCE: EN 1594:2013, 3.23, modified]

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