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## PREFACE

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This Standard is intended to be the initial Part of a series of Standards for the conduct of occupational diving operations. It is intended for application to all diving operations until such time as Standards for the conduct of diving operations in specific sectors of the diving industry are published. At that time, diving operations which fall into the scope of a sector-specific Standard may be conducted using either this Standard or the sector-specific Standard. At the time of publication, sector-specific Standards for scientific, recreational and film and photographic diving operations were in the course of preparation.

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- (a) Addition of hazard identification, risk assessment and risk control measures in accordance with current occupational health and safety legislation.
- (b) Advice on the application of the Standard for breathing gases other than air, diving in liquids other than water and hookah or rebreather gas supply systems.
- (c) An expanded table dealing with exposure to altitude after diving.
- (d) Revision of the time listed for Level 1 limits for compression chamber availability to make them more consistent in terms of risk level, based on the latest DCI risk data available from the US Naval Medical Research Institute.
- (e) Reformatting of Section 4 (Compression (Recompression) Chambers) and the dropping of the requirement for worksite chambers to have transfer-under-pressure capability.
- (f) New clauses dealing with decompression diving, and an expanded appendix containing the decompression tables developed by the Canadian Defence and Civil Institute of Experimental Medicine (DCIEM) in both metric and imperial forms, with associated procedures and examples.
- (g) A new Section 8 dealing with medical requirements, and reformatted diving medical forms in Appendix L.
- (h) A new appendix containing a list of regulatory authorities in Australia and New Zealand.
- (i) Modifications to various clauses were made to address points raised in investigations of several fatal and non-fatal carbon monoxide exposures.

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