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## Foreword

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## **Introduction**

Approved brazing procedure specifications will frequently, but not always, be needed in order to provide a well defined basis for the planning of brazing operations and for quality control during brazing. Brazing is considered a special process in the terminology of standards for quality systems; such standards usually require that special processes be carried out in accordance with written procedure specifications.

This standard defines the content for the brazing procedure specifications which is considered to fulfil the requirements in current standards for quality systems as regards procedure specifications.

Preparation of a brazing procedure specification records the necessary instructions for evaluation but does not in itself ensure that the resulting brazes fulfil the service requirements. Some deviations can be evaluated by non-destructive methods on the finished product but others, e.g. metallurgical deviations, cannot. This has resulted in the establishment of a set of rules for approval of the brazing procedure prior to the release of the specification to actual production.

Guidelines for the practical application of brazing procedure approval are given in annex A.

Furthermore, this standard allows for brazing procedure approval to be related to previous experience of similar applications. Many manufacturers have considerable experience in fabricating brazed structures. Brazed components and structures may have been supplied for a variety of applications and have performed satisfactorily over a period of time in service. If this experience is traceable and verifiable, this standard provides a route for brazing procedure approval based on this experience.

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