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### Foreword

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard gives guidance on the characteristics of liquefied natural gas (LNG) and the cryogenic materials used in the LNG industry. It also gives guidance on health and safety matters. It is intended to act as a reference document for the implementation of other standards in the liquefied natural gas field. It is intended as a reference for use by persons who design or operate LNG facilities.

## 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 1473, *Installation and equipment for liquefied natural gas — Design of onshore installations*

NFPA 59A, *Standard for the production, storage, and handling of liquefied natural gas (LNG)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### **boil-off gas**

gas generated during the storage or handling of volatile liquefied gases

### 3.2

#### **condensate**

hydrocarbon liquid that forms by condensation from natural gas, consisting primarily of pentanes ( $C_5H_{12}$ ) and heavier components

Note 1 to entry: There will be some propane and butane dissolved within the mixture.

### 3.3

#### **liquefied natural gas**

##### **LNG**

colourless and odourless cryogenic fluid in the liquid state at normal pressure composed predominantly of methane which can contain minor quantities of ethane, propane, butane, nitrogen, or other components normally found in natural gas

### 3.4

#### **liquefied petroleum gas**

##### **LPG**

gaseous hydrocarbons at normal temperatures and pressures, but that readily turns into liquids under moderate pressure at normal temperatures, e.g. propane and butane

### 3.5

#### **natural gas liquids**

##### **NGL**

liquid hydrocarbons, such as ethane, propane, butane, pentane, and natural gasoline, extracted from field natural gas

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