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Foreword

This document (EN 12186:2014) 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of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 2015 and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2015.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. CEN [and/or CENELEC] shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

This document supersedes EN 12186:2000.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association.

Annex B provides details of significant technical changes between this European Standard and the previous edition.

There is a complete suite of functional standards prepared by CEN/TC 234 "Gas Infrastructure" to cover all parts of the gas infrastructure from the input of gas into the on-shore transmission network up to the inlet connection of gas appliances, including transmission, distribution, storage, compression, pressure regulation and metering, installation, injection of non-conventional gases, gas quality issues and others. In preparing this European Standard, a basic understanding of gas infrastructure by the user has been assumed.

The gas infrastructure is complex and the importance on safety of its construction and use has led to the development of very detailed codes of practice and operating manuals in the member countries. These detailed statements embrace recognized standards of gas engineering and the specific requirements imposed by the legal structures of the member countries.

As gas pressure regulating stations for transmission and distribution are specifically designed for pipelines, they are considered as annexed equipment, and as such are excluded from the scope of the Directive 97/23/EC (Pressure Equipment Directive – PED [11]). However, standard pressure equipment installed in these stations, e.g. gas pressure regulators, safety valves, valves, filters, heat exchangers, vessels, is covered by the directive [15].

Directive 2009/73/EC [13] concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas and the related Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 [14] on conditions for access to the natural gas transmission networks also aim at technical safety (security) including technical reliability of the European gas system. These aspects are also in the scope of CEN/TC 234 standardization. In this respect CEN/TC 234 evaluated the indicated EU legislation and amended this technical standard accordingly, where required and appropriate.

In this edition of EN 12186 environmental aspects relevant to the design, construction and testing, operation and maintenance, decommissioning and disposal of gas pressure regulating stations are covered in accordance with CEN Guide 4 and CEN/TR 16388.

This European Standard specifies common basic principles for the gas infrastructure. Users of this European Standard should be aware that more detailed national standards and/or codes of practice can exist in the CEN member countries.

This European Standard is intended to be applied in association with these national standards and/or codes of practice setting out the basic principles as outlined in Clause 1 of this European Standard.

In the event of conflicts in terms of more restrictive requirements in national legislation/regulation with the requirements of this standard, the national legislation/regulation takes precedence as illustrated in CEN/TR 13737-1 and CEN/TR 13737-2. CEN/TR 13737 gives:

- clarification of all legislations/regulations applicable in a member state;
- if appropriate, more restrictive national requirements;
- a national contact point for the latest information.

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1 Scope

This European Standard contains the relevant functional requirements for gas pressure regulating stations, which form part of gas transmission or distribution systems. It is applicable to the design, materials, construction, testing, operation and maintenance of gas pressure regulating stations.

This European Standard does not apply to gas pressure regulating stations commissioned prior to the publication of this standard.

The stations covered by this European Standard have a maximum upstream operating pressure which does not exceed 100 bar. For higher maximum upstream operating pressures this standard should be used as a guideline.

If the inlet pipework of the station is a service line and the maximum upstream operating pressure does not exceed 16 bar and the design flow rate is equal to or less than 200 m³/h under normal conditions, EN 12279 applies.

Basic system requirements for gas pressure regulating stations are contained in this European Standard. Requirements for individual components (valves, regulators, safety devices, pipes, etc.) or installation of the components are contained in the appropriate European Standards.

NOTE For combined regulating and measuring stations, the additional requirements of EN 1776 can apply.

The requirements in this European Standard do not apply to the design and construction of auxiliary facilities such as sampling, calorimetry, odorization systems and density measuring. These facilities are covered by the appropriate European Standards, where existing, or other relevant standards.

The requirements of this European Standard are based on good gas engineering practice under conditions normally encountered in the gas industry. Requirements for unusual conditions cannot be specifically provided for, nor are all engineering and construction details prescribed.

The requirements in this European Standard are based on the physical and chemical data of gaseous fuels – including non-conventional gases – in accordance with Table 1 of EN 437:2003+A1:2009 for first and second family gases. Additional requirements in the case of gaseous fuels heavier than air and/or sour gases are not covered by this European Standard.

The objective of this European Standard is to ensure the safe operation of such stations. This does not, however, relieve all concerned of the responsibility for taking the necessary care and applying effective quality management during the design, construction and operation.

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 334, *Gas pressure regulators for inlet pressures up to 100 bar*

EN 437:2003+A1:2009, *Test gases - Test pressures - Appliance categories*

EN 1127-1, *Explosive atmospheres - Explosion prevention and protection - Part 1: Basic concepts and methodology*

EN 1594, *Gas infrastructure - Pipelines for maximum operating pressure over 16 bar - Functional requirements*

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