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The main changes are as follows:

- the normative references have been updated;
- the Figures have been updated;
- references to [Figures 1](#) to [19](#) have been updated throughout the document;
- in [6.7](#) the use of ASTM wires and other image quality indicators (IQIs) by agreement of contracting parties has been added;
- in [6.7](#) a) the acceptance of a shorter wire visibility than 10 mm for pipes with an external diameter < 50 mm has been added;
- in [6.7](#), [6.8](#) and [6.9](#) a clarification for the IQI usage for the double-wall double-image (DWDI) technique has been added;
- in [6.9](#) and [7.2.2](#) the lower thickness limit for Se 75 applications has been deleted;
- measurement of optical density in the root of the weld has been clarified;
- IQI use for the DWDI technique has been clarified.

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Part 1: X- and gamma-ray techniques with film

1 Scope

This document specifies techniques of radiographic testing of fusion-welded joints in metallic materials using industrial radiographic film techniques with the object of enabling satisfactory and repeatable results. The techniques are based on generally recognized practice and fundamental theory of the subject.

It applies to the joints of plates and pipes in metallic materials. Besides its conventional meaning, “pipe” as used in this document covers other cylindrical bodies, such as tubes, penstocks, boiler drums and pressure vessels.

This document does not specify acceptance levels for any of the indications found on the radiographs. The ISO 10675 series provides information on acceptance levels for weld evaluation.

If contracting parties apply lower test criteria, it is possible that the quality achieved will be significantly lower than when this document is strictly applied.

2 Normative references

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ISO 5576, *Non-destructive testing — Industrial X-ray and gamma-ray radiology — Vocabulary*

ISO 9712, *Non-destructive testing — Qualification and certification of NDT personnel*

ISO 11699-1, *Non-destructive testing — Industrial radiographic film — Part 1: Classification of film systems for industrial radiography*

ISO 11699-2, *Non-destructive testing — Industrial radiographic films — Part 2: Control of film processing by means of reference values*

ISO 19232-1, *Non-destructive testing — Image quality of radiographs — Part 1: Determination of the image quality value using wire-type image quality indicators*

ISO 19232-2, *Non-destructive testing — Image quality of radiographs — Part 2: Determination of the image quality value using step/hole-type image quality indicators*

ISO 19232-4, *Non-destructive testing — Image quality of radiographs — Part 4: Experimental evaluation of image quality values and image quality tables*

ASTM E 747, *Standard Practice for Design, Manufacture and Material Grouping Classification of Wire Image Quality Indicators (IQI) Used for Radiology*

EN 12543 (all parts), *Non-destructive testing — Characteristics of focal spots in industrial X-ray systems for use in non-destructive testing*

EN 12679, *Non-destructive testing — Radiographic testing — Determination of the size of industrial radiographic gamma sources*