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## Foreword

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## Introduction

ISO 5145 <sup>[1]</sup> and other related standards establish practical criteria for the determination of outlet connections of cylinder valves. These criteria are based on certain physical and chemical properties of the gases. In particular, the flammability in air and the oxidizing ability are considered.

One of the potential complications that prompted the development of this International Standard is that whilst there are abundant data in the literature relating to pure gases, differences can be found, depending upon the test methods employed; in the case of gas mixtures, data in the literature are often incomplete or even non-existent.

The initial aim of this International Standard was to eliminate the ambiguities in the case of differences in the literature, and above all, to supplement existing data (mainly in the case of gas mixtures).

Subsequently, this International Standard was used for other purposes than the selection of cylinder valve outlets, such as establishing flammability and oxidizing potential data for labelling according to international transport regulations and dangerous substances regulations, under the umbrella of the Globally Harmonized System (GHS).