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The main changes are as follows:

- Addition of new refrigerants (R290, R600a, R1233zd(E), R1336mzz(Z), R1234yf, R1234ze(E));
- Update of Ammonia.

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## Introduction

This document is consistent with and is intended to complement ISO 817. The purpose of this document is to address the differing performance ratings due to the differences between multiple property formulations, which is a problem especially in international trade. The fluids and properties included in this document represent those for which sufficient high-quality data were available.

This document allows for “alternative implementations” for the properties. These can take the form of simpler equations of state that may be applicable over limited ranges of conditions or simple correlations of single properties (e.g., expressions for vapour pressure or the enthalpy of the saturated vapour).

Tolerances in this document do not necessarily represent the uncertainty of the original experimental data or of the equation of state in fitting the data.

The tolerances are relative (i.e. plus or minus a percentage) for some properties and absolute for others (e.g. plus or minus a constant enthalpy value). Properties such as enthalpy and entropy, which can be negative, demand an absolute tolerance; any allowable percentage variation would be too strict at values near zero. The allowable tolerances for enthalpy and entropy are scaled by the enthalpy and entropy of vapourisation for each fluid. By scaling the tolerance to the vapourisation values, a greater tolerance is allowed for fluids, such as ammonia, with high heats of vapourisation.

The tolerances apply to individual thermodynamic states. In cycle and equipment analyses, it is the differences in enthalpy and/or entropy between two different states that are important. However, it is not possible to specify, in a simple way, allowable tolerances based on pairs of states because of the large number of possible pairs of interest.

The values of  $C_v$  and  $C_p$  approach infinity at the critical point, but the actual values returned by the equation of state are large numbers that vary from computer to computer due to round-off errors in the calculations. According to critical-region theory, the speed of sound is zero at the critical point; all traditional equations of state (including the ones in this document), however, do not reproduce this behaviour. Rather than list values that are inconsistent with either the theory or the specified equations of state, these points are not included as part of this document.

The values of the gas constant,  $R$ , vary from fluid to fluid. Similarly, the number of significant values given for the molecular mass,  $M$ , vary. The various values of  $R$  differ by less than  $5 \times 10^{-6}$  (equal to parts per million, a deprecated unit) from the currently accepted value of 8,314 462 618 J/(mol·K) and result in similarly small differences in the properties. The compositions of the refrigerant blends (R400- and R500-series) are defined on a mass basis, but the equations of state are given on a molar basis. The mass compositions have been converted to the equivalent molar basis and listed in [Clause 5](#); a large number of significant values are given for consistency with the tables of “verification values” given in [Annex D](#).