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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 17776:2000), which has been technically revised and the title changed from *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Offshore production installations — Guidelines on tools and techniques for hazard identification and risk assessment* to the present title.

## Introduction

The purpose of this document is to establish requirements and provide guidance for the effective management of major accident (MA) hazards during the design of new offshore installations for the petroleum and natural gas industries.

The management of MA hazards involves the application of engineering expertise and knowledge to provide the measures needed to meet the objectives set by the organizations involved in the project development. A range of tools for evaluating and assessing the likelihood and consequences of MAs is needed to help select the measures to be implemented, and to judge when sufficient measures have been provided.

This process is built on the underlying integrity provided by the application of internationally recognized codes and standards.

This document covers the following main elements:

- establishing general requirements for identifying MA hazards and their causes;
- assessing MA hazards to understand their likelihood and possible consequences;
- developing suitable strategies for managing MA hazards;
- progressively improving the understanding of MA hazards and their consequences to guide design decisions during the development phases of the installation;
- providing the measures needed to manage all credible MAs;
- maintaining the measures throughout the life of the installation.

The technical content of this document is arranged as follows:

- a) objectives: the goals to be achieved;
- b) functional requirements: specifying requirements considered necessary to meet the stated objectives;
- c) annexes: guidelines in support of the functional requirements.

This document should be read in conjunction with ISO 13702 and ISO 15544.