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Foreword

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Introduction

The series of International Standards applicable to types of offshore structure, ISO 19900 to ISO 19906, addresses design requirements and assessments of all offshore structures used by the petroleum and natural gas industries worldwide. Through their application, the intention is to achieve reliability levels appropriate for manned and unmanned offshore structures, whatever the type of structure and the nature or combination of the materials used.

It is important to recognize that structural integrity is an overall concept comprising models for describing actions, structural analyses, design or assessment rules, safety elements, workmanship, quality control procedures and national requirements, all of which are mutually dependent. The modification of one aspect of design or assessment in isolation can disturb the balance of reliability inherent in the overall concept or structural system. The implications involved in modifications, therefore, need to be considered in relation to the overall reliability of all offshore structural systems.

The series of International Standards applicable to the various types of offshore structure is intended to provide a wide latitude in the choice of structural configurations, materials and techniques without hindering innovation. Sound engineering judgement is, therefore, necessary in the use of these International Standards.

The overall concept of structural integrity is described above. Some additional considerations apply for seismic design. These include the magnitude and probability of seismic events, the use and importance of the offshore structure, the robustness of the structure under consideration and the allowable damage due to seismic actions with different probabilities. All of these, and any other relevant information, need to be considered in relation to the overall reliability of the structure.

Seismic conditions vary widely around the world, and the design criteria depend primarily on observations of historical seismic events together with consideration of seismotectonics. In many cases, site-specific seismic hazard assessments will be required to complete the design or assessment of a structure.

This document is intended to provide general seismic design procedures for different types of offshore structures, and a framework for the derivation of seismic design criteria. Further requirements are contained within the general requirements standard, ISO 19900, and within the structure-specific standards, ISO 19902, ISO 19903, ISO 19904 and ISO 19906. The consideration of seismic events in connection with mobile offshore units is addressed in ISO 19905.

Some background to and guidance on the use of this document is provided in [Annex A](#). The clause numbering in [Annex A](#) is the same as in the normative text to facilitate cross-referencing.

Regional information on expected seismic accelerations for offshore areas is provided in [Annex B](#).