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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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ISO 19901-7 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 67, *Materials, equipment and offshore structures for petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries*, Subcommittee SC 7, *Offshore structures*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 19901-7:2005), which has been technically revised.

This second edition of ISO 19901-7 includes several major additions and changes, primarily to Annex A (informative). The largest change is the addition of detailed informative text incorporated directly from API RP 2SK on all types of anchor design. In the first edition of this International Standard, this material was previously addressed only by reference to API RP 2SK. Informative material has also been added from API RP 2SK regarding the analysis and mitigation of vortex-induced motions of large cylindrical hulls. Consequently, the normative text has been modified to remove reference to API RP 2SK and to cross-reference portions of the expanded informative annex.

The other significant change is the updating of guidance on polyester rope mooring design to conform to the provisions of the recent amendment to API RP 2SM. The changes include new definitions of stiffness, recognition of effective filter barriers, removal of the prohibition against the rope touching the sea floor, and more detail on minimum tension requirements, among others. Additionally, minor corrections were made to the text in 7.4.4 (Wind actions) and 8.3.4 (Riser considerations), and the terminology "most probable maximum" has been standardized throughout. Finally, the Norwegian clause of Annex B has been updated at the request of Norway, and a new Canadian clause has been added.

ISO 19901 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Specific requirements for offshore structures*:

— *Part 1: Metocean design and operating considerations*

— *Part 2: Seismic design procedures and criteria*

— *Part 3: Topsides structure*

— *Part 4: Geotechnical and foundation design considerations*

— *Part 5: Weight control during engineering and construction*

— *Part 6: Marine operations*

— *Part 7: Stationkeeping systems for floating offshore structures and mobile offshore units*

The following parts are under preparation:

— *Part 8: Marine soil investigations*

ISO 19901 is one of a series of International Standards for offshore structures. The full series consists of the following International Standards:

— ISO 19900, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — General requirements for offshore structures*

— ISO 19901 (all parts), *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Specific requirements for offshore structures*

— ISO 19902, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Fixed steel offshore structures*

— ISO 19903, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Fixed concrete offshore structures*

— ISO 19904-1, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Floating offshore structures — Part 1: Monohulls, semi-submersibles and spars*

— ISO 19905-1, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Site-specific assessment of mobile offshore units — Part 1: Jack-ups*

— ISO/TR 19905-2, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Site-specific assessment of mobile offshore units — Part 2: Jack-ups commentary and detailed sample calculation*

— ISO 19905-3, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Site-specific assessment of mobile offshore units — Part 3: Floating units*[1)]

— ISO 19906, *Petroleum and natural gas industries — Arctic offshore structures*

1) Under preparation.

Introduction

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

It is important to recognize that structural integrity is an overall concept comprising models for describing actions, structural analyses, design rules, safety elements, workmanship, quality control procedures and national requirements, all of which are mutually dependent. The modification of one aspect of design 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 types of offshore structure is intended to provide 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.

This part of ISO 19901 was developed in response to the worldwide offshore industry's demand for a coherent and consistent definition of methodologies to analyse, design and evaluate stationkeeping systems used for floating production and/or storage platforms of various types (e.g. semi-submersibles, spar platforms, ship-shaped structures) and to assess site-specific applications of mobile offshore units (such as mobile offshore drilling units, pipelay units, construction units).

Stationkeeping is a generic term covering systems for keeping a floating structure, which is under the constant influence of external actions, on a pre-defined location and/or heading with limited excursions. Stationkeeping systems resist external actions by means of any combination of the following:

— mooring systems (e.g. spread moorings or single point moorings);

— dynamic positioning systems (generally consisting of thrusters).

The external actions generally consist of wind, wave, current and ice actions on the floating structure, mooring and/or risers.

Some background to, and guidance on, the use of this part of ISO 19901 is provided in informative Annex A. The clause numbering in Annex A is the same as in the normative text to facilitate cross-referencing.

Regional information, where available, is provided in informative Annex B.