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The main changes are as follows:

— normative references updated and ISO 15607 moved to Bibliography;

— acceptance level changed to quality level in accordance with the ISO 13919-1 and ISO 13919-2;

— terminology aligned with that used in other parts of the ISO 15614 series, where appropriate;

— figures updated and corrected, including symbols and keys;

— Tables 1 to 4 revised;

— 6.2 reformatted and revised;

— Clause 7 revised.

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Introduction

All new welding procedure tests are intended to be carried out in accordance with this document. However, this document does not invalidate previous welding procedure tests made to former national standards or specifications or previous editions of this document.

Where additional tests have to be carried out to make a qualification technically equivalent, these should be done on a test piece which is made in accordance with this document.

Specification and qualification of WPSs that were made in accordance with previous editions of this document can be used for any application for which the current edition is specified. In this case, the ranges of qualification of previous editions remain applicable.

It is possible to create a new welding procedure qualification record (WPQR) range of qualification according to this edition based on an existing qualified WPQR, provided the technical intent of the testing requirements of this document have been satisfied.

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Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure test —

Part 11: Electron and laser beam welding

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for qualification testing of welding procedure specifications (WPSs) for electron or laser beam welding.

This document applies to metallic materials, irrespective of the shape of the parts, their thicknesses, the manufacturing method (e.g. rolling, forging, casting, sintering) or their heat treatment. It covers both the production of new parts and repair work.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3452-1, *Non-destructive testing — Penetrant testing — Part 1: General principles*

ISO 4136, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Transverse tensile test*

ISO 5173, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Bend tests*

ISO 6947, *Welding and allied processes — Welding positions*

ISO 9015-2, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Hardness testing — Part 2: Microhardness testing of welded joints*

ISO 13588, *Non-destructive testing of welds — Ultrasonic testing — Use of automated phased array technology*

ISO 13919-1, *Electron and laser-beam welded joints — Requirements and recommendations on quality levels for imperfections — Part 1: Steel, nickel, titanium and their alloys*

ISO 13919-2, *Electron and laser-beam welded joints — Requirements and recommendations on quality levels for imperfections — Part 2: Aluminium, magnesium and their alloys and pure copper*

ISO/DIS 15608[1)], *Welding — Grouping system for metallic materials*

ISO 15609-3:2004, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure specification — Part 3: Electron beam welding*

ISO 15609-4:2009, *Specification and qualification of welding procedures for metallic materials — Welding procedure specification — Part 4: Laser beam welding*

ISO 17636-1, *Non-destructive testing of welds — Radiographic testing — Part 1: X- and gamma-ray techniques with film*

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ISO 17636-2, *Non-destructive testing of welds — Radiographic testing — Part 2: X- and gamma-ray techniques with digital detectors*

ISO 17637, *Non-destructive testing of welds — Visual testing of fusion-welded joints*

ISO 17638, *Non-destructive testing of welds — Magnetic particle testing*

ISO 17639, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Macroscopic and microscopic examination of welds*

ISO 17640, *Non-destructive testing of welds — Ultrasonic testing — Techniques, testing levels, and assessment*

ISO 20601, *Non-destructive testing of welds — Ultrasonic testing — Use of automated phased array technology for thin-walled steel components*

ISO 22826, *Destructive tests on welds in metallic materials — Hardness testing of narrow joints welded by laser and electron beam (Vickers and Knoop hardness tests)*

ISO/TR 25901-1, *Welding and allied processes — Vocabulary — Part 1: General terms*

ISO 25901-2, *Welding and allied processes — Vocabulary — Part 2: Health and safety*

ISO/TR 25901-3, *Welding and allied processes — Vocabulary — Part 3: Welding processes*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/TR 25901-1, ISO 25901-2 and ISO/TR 25901-3 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

4 Preliminary welding procedure specification (pWPS)

A pWPS shall be prepared in accordance with ISO 15609-3 for electron beam welding and ISO 15609-4 for laser beam welding. The pWPS shall specify the tolerances for all the relevant parameters.

A WPS shall be classified as a pWPS until it is qualified in accordance with this document.

The WPS shall give details on how a welding operation is to be performed, including tacking and fixturing.

5 Welding procedure test

The welding and testing of test pieces shall be in accordance with Clauses 6 and 7.

In order to take into account service performance requirements, the acceptance criteria for imperfections shall be made in accordance with quality levels B, C or D in accordance with ISO 13919-1 for steel, nickel, titanium and their alloys or ISO 13919-2 for aluminium, magnesium and their alloys and pure copper.

6 Test piece

6.1 General

The assembly to which the electron or laser beam WPS applies in production shall be represented by one or more standardized test pieces in accordance with 6.2.

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