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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

— the title has been modified;

— additional information has been added to the Introduction;

— the Scope has been reworded;

— checklist items 7.5, 7.5.1 and 7.5.2 have been renumbered 8, 8.1 and 8.2 respectively.

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Introduction

The ISO 14520 series sets forth important information necessary for introducing total flooding fire extinguishing agents into the marketplace. Important information includes that related to physical, thermodynamic and chemical properties, safe exposure criteria, performance criteria such as minimum extinguishing and design concentrations, and environment characteristics.

This document includes technical information related to the design and use of total flooding fire extinguishing systems using liquefied or non-liquefied gaseous fire extinguishing agents. Suggested minimum extinguishant information includes:

— identification;

— specifications;

— physical properties;

— minimum extinguishing concentrations and minimum design concentrations;

— use parameters;

— toxicity;

— environmental properties;

— system design.

If the extinguishant manufacturer so wishes, the required information can be supplemented with additional information that can prove useful in matters related to the manufacturer, storage, use and handling of extinguishant containers.

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1 Scope

This document suggests specific types of information that can be useful for assessing safe and effective gaseous extinguishing media for inclusion in the ISO 14520 series.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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

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

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

4 Checklist

The following checklist provides examples of information used for the review of new gaseous extinguishing media in the ISO 14520 series.

1	Extinguishant identification		
	1.1	Extinguishant designation [American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) designation, or equivalent]	
	1.2	Chemical name (each component if a mixture)	
	1.3	Chemical formula	
	1.4	Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) number (each component if a mixture)	
2	Extinguishant specifications, including (as applicable)		
	2.1	Purity	
	2.2	Acidity (halocarbons)	
	2.3	Moisture content	
	2.4	Non-volatile residue	
	2.5	Suspended matter	
	2.6	Oxygen content (inert gases)	
3	Physical properties		

NOTE The unit of pressure, "bar", is in bar-gauge unless otherwise noted. For example, container pressures, such as fill pressure and super pressure, are in bar gauge. Atmospheric pressure, critical pressure, vapour pressure are in bar absolute.

[a] The Extinguishing Concentrations can be supported by full test reports. Tests can be conducted and reported in accordance with the current protocol in ISO 14520-1 and witnessed by an independent internationally recognized laboratory.

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