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INTRODUCTION

Toxic gas detection equipment can be used whenever there is the possibility of a hazard to life or adverse health effects caused by the accumulation of a toxic gas or vapour. Such equipment can provide a means of reducing the exposure to the hazard by detecting the presence of a toxic gas or vapour and issuing suitable audible or visual warnings. Gas detectors can also be used to initiate precautionary steps (for example, plant shutdown and evacuation).

Performance requirements for gas detection equipment for workplace atmospheres are set out in IEC 62990 series standards.

However performance capability alone cannot ensure that the use of such equipment will properly safeguard life and health where toxic gases and vapours might be present. The level of safety obtained depends heavily upon correct selection, installation, calibration and periodic maintenance of the equipment, combined with knowledge of the limitations of the detection technique required. This cannot be achieved without responsible informed management.

This document has been specifically written to cover all the functions necessary from selection to ongoing maintenance for a successful gas detection operation.

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1 Scope

This document gives guidance on the selection, installation, use and maintenance of electrical equipment used for the measurement of toxic gases and vapours in workplace atmospheres. The primary purpose of such equipment is to ensure safety of personnel and property by providing an indication of the concentration of a toxic gas or vapour and warning of its presence.

This document is applicable to equipment whose purpose is to provide an indication, alarm or other output function to give a warning of the presence of a toxic gas or vapour in the atmosphere and in some cases to initiate automatic or manual protective actions. It is applicable to equipment in which the sensor automatically generates an electrical signal when gas is present.

For the purposes of this document, equipment includes:

a) fixed equipment;

b) transportable equipment, and

c) portable equipment.

This document is intended to cover equipment defined within IEC 62990-1, but can provide useful information for equipment not covered by that document.

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.

IEC 60079-29-2, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 29-2: Gas detectors – Selection, installation, use and maintenance of detectors for flammable gases and oxygen*

IEC 62990-1, *Workplace atmospheres – Part 1: Gas detectors – Performance requirements of detectors for toxic gases*