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Reference to outdated standards

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Introduction

1. ISO is grateful to Spain for bringing the issue of references to outdated standards to the attention of the Sub-Committee in its informal document INF.15 (59th session). Since the discussion at the fifty-ninth session ISO has considered the matter more carefully and think that there is very little justification for retaining references to outdated standards.

Discussion

2. All the standards listed in informal document INF.15 (59th session) are for design and construction of pressure receptacles. Standards for materials in 6.2.2.2 and for periodic inspection and testing in 6.2.2.4 are deleted when no longer applicable.

3. The tables of standards in 6.2.2.1 and 6.2.2.3 are consulted by manufacturers and inspection bodies in the following circumstances:

- Design type approval in accordance with 6.2.2.5.4;
- Production inspection and certification in accordance with 6.2.2.5.5.

4. They will also need to check these tables when resuming production after a prolonged break in the production of pressure receptacles covered by an existing type approval. It is implicit in listing standards and applicability dates that these tables should be checked regularly to ensure that the standard being used is valid. Therefore, for the manufacture of new pressure receptacles, the absence of a listing for a standard should be sufficient and there is no need to retain the entries for standards that are no longer applicable.

5. For pressure receptacles in use the date of manufacture and the standard number is marked permanently, but not the standard's year of publication. However, the inspection body and the manufacturer are required to keep the records of type approvals and certificates of compliance for not less than 20 years – see 6.2.2.5.6. These will specify which edition of the standard was used, so for 20 years at least the information is available separately from the Model Regulations.

Proposals

6. Delete entries in the standards table of 6.2.2.1 and 6.2.2.3 which are no longer applicable for manufacture.

7. In the document [Guiding Principles](#) add the following new paragraph at the end of Part 6:

“5. Entries in the standards tables for which the date in the columns headed ‘Applicable for manufacture’ or ‘Applicable’ has past shall be deleted.”

Note: It has been practice to delete standards for periodic inspection and testing, but this is not currently covered in the Guiding Principles.
