NEW PUBLICATIONS IN Q2 OF 2020

ISO/TC 67 celebrated four publications in the second quarter of 2020 (excluding amendments):

✓ ISO 11960, Steel pipes for use as casing or tubing for wells [6th edition]
✓ ISO 13680, Corrosion-resistant alloy seamless tubular products for use as casing, tubing, coupling stock and accessory material — Technical delivery conditions [4th edition]
✓ ISO 29001, Sector-specific quality management systems — Requirements for product and service supply organizations [4th edition, 1st edition as full ISO]

Congratulations to the project leaders and subject-matter experts with the publication of these ISO deliverables. This nicely illustrates that ISO/TC 67 continues to deliver standards that respond to global developments, both by developing new documents and by revising existing ones.

Also ISO highlighted the publication of ISO 29001:2020 by publishing a news item on their website

ISO/TC 67 PLENARY MEETING GOES VIRTUAL

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the original planned face-to-face ISO/TC 67 plenary meeting in Beijing on 14 and 15 October 2020 will be held virtually, similar to the ISO/TC 67 Management Committee meeting of 18 March 2020 (see ISO/TC 67 Communiqué issue N°3). The intended host of this plenary meeting, the China National Petroleum Corporation

ABOUT ISO/TC 67

ISO/TC 67 is responsible for standardisation of the materials, equipment and offshore structures used in the drilling, production, transport by pipelines and processing of liquid and gaseous hydrocarbons within the petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries.

ISO/TC 67 has set the following goals:

✓ prepare standards required by the industry
✓ prepare standards that are adopted worldwide by bodies such as ABNT (Brazil), API (USA), CEN (Europe), GOST R (Russian Federation), GSO (Gulf Region) and SAC (China)
✓ prepare standards that are recognised by regulators
✓ publish standards that enable companies to minimise their specifications
✓ deliver standards to the target dates on the agreed work programme
(CNPC), is warmly thanked for their kind offer and extension of the offer to host a plenary meeting when situation allows to meet in person again. This change of plans will also affect the agenda of the meeting. Rather than running two full-day sessions with several interactive and networking moments, the virtual meeting will be half-day session focussing on issues that are essential for progressing with the maintenance of the ISO/TC 67 standards portfolio and for which a formal resolution might be required. To facilitate discussion on other topics and relevant developments, online workshop sessions will be organised on 12 October 2020. The oil and gas standardisation week will be completed with the virtual IOGP Standards Committee meeting on 13 October 2020.

COOPERATION WITH API AND IOGP

ISO/TC 67 has a long-lasting relationship with API (American Petroleum Institute) and IOGP (International Association of Oil & Gas Producers) to develop added-value creating standards for the oil and gas sector. Several sanction regulations that became effective about ten years ago challenged this relationship with initially a full dissociation between API and ISO. Important steps have recently been made to improve cooperation and coordination, also acknowledging that the sector needs to work together, especially considering the current economic climate.

API, IOGP and ISO/TC 67 regularly organise coordination calls to exchange the ongoing standardisation activities to avoid duplication of work. Coordination activities include agreement about which body will take the lead to revise a standard that was ‘co-branded’ in the past. The leadership of the committees responsible for managing their standards portfolio are also consulted in this process to obtain full commitment. After a successful workshop in September 2019 (see ISO/TC 67 Communiqué issue N°1), detailed reviews have been completed in January and August 2020 leading to the agreement of lead organisation for over 80 standards. A further workshop is planned in December 2020 to report on progress and consider lead organisation for the remaining 33 standards.
Meeting Calendar

In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and considering the instruction from the ISO Central Secretariat that all ISO technical meetings planned until 30 November 2020 must be held virtually or postponed until after that date [NB. This period can be extended depending on the evolution of the corona virus worldwide], the subcommittees of ISO/TC 67 have decided to meet virtually rather than cancelling their meeting. Some subcommittees can already look back on successful virtual plenary meetings with high attendance.

In addition to the below meeting schedule for the subcommittees, also several working groups will organise virtual meetings to progress with their standards.

Scope of ISO/TC 67

The world is changing and so does the oil and gas sector. With several oil and gas operators transforming to energy companies including adding renewables to their portfolio and announcing ambitious plans to significantly reduce their carbon footprint (e.g. ‘net-zero’ or ‘climate neutral’) to tackle climate change and contribute to the achievement of the Paris Agreement targets, it also discussed whether the current scope of ISO/TC 67 needs to be revisited to reflect these changes. Already several ISO/TC 67 standards can be applicable to other operations than oil and gas. For companies, it can be beneficial if they can implement a single standard covering all operations. Of course, it is acknowledged that for several other energy sources and carriers other technical committees in ISO or IEC exist.

During an extended monthly ISO/TC 67 Management Committee Zoom meeting in June 2020, a review of the scope of ISO/TC 67 was initiated, also by identifying topics related to the transition towards a low carbon emission economy and the extent they require a scope change. By using Menti, the input from the members could easily be visualised (see snapshots on next page). As the Zoom meetings are organised twice to allow everyone to participate at a convenient time, it was also interesting to observe that the input was different amongst the participants of the first and second Zoom meeting. The scope discussion will also be on the agenda of the ISO/TC 67 plenary meeting on 14 and 15 October 2020.

Work Programmes

The work programmes of ISO/TC 67 and API are available at the following websites:

- ISO/TC 67 work programme – Standards developed under the IOGP umbrella are not shown in this work programme, until the draft standard has been transmitted from IOGP to ISO for ‘fast-tracking’.
- IOGP standards solution projects – This overview is periodically updated based on newly approved project initiations by IOGP Standards Committee and publications of completed projects by ISO/TC 67.
- API standards plan – This overview is periodically updated. API standards that are supplemented by ISO will be available as ‘read-only’ version during the development process via their IBR reading room.
Exploration of aspects relevant to the energy transition / lower carbon agenda that might have impact on scope of ISO/TC 67

Ranking topics that might require to change the scope of ISO/TC 67

MORE INFORMATION

Contact the ISO/TC 67 Secretariat by e-mailing to energy@nen.nl or calling +31 15 2 690 326 for more information. Interested to take part? Contact your national standards body to get involved! The next ISO/TC 67 meeting will be organised virtually.