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Introduction

The purpose of this Technical Report is to provide and implement an international quality conformance system that ensures and documents compliance to relevant gas cylinder design and manufacturing standards, and to foster the international acceptance of gas cylinders. For the purposes of this Technical Report, the term 'gas cylinders' includes both gas cylinders and tubes.

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