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1 Scope

1.1 Purpose

This API standard specifies requirements for the qualification of distributors of metallic materials used in the petroleum and natural gas industries.

1.2 Applicability

This standard is applicable to distributors of metallic bar, plate, and tubular products where API product standards require such services or are otherwise specified as a requirement for compliance. For organizations that manufacture and distribute metallic material, this standard only addresses the distribution portion of their processes.

NOTE This standard does not limit the responsibility of any manufacturer of commercial products utilizing metallic materials and manufactured to an API Standard from its responsibility for compliance with all applicable requirements of that API Standard.

1.3 Distributor Qualification Level (DQL)

This API standard establishes the requirements for two distributor qualification levels (DQL). These DQL levels define different levels of distributor quality controls and qualification requirements.

2 Normative References

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies.

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API Specification Q1, *Specification for Quality Management System Requirements for Manufacturing Organizations for the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry*

API Standard 20D, *Nondestructive Examination Services for Equipment Used in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry*

API Standard 20H, *Heat Treatment Services – Batch Type for Equipment used in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry*

AMS 2750, *Pyrometry*

ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

3 Terms, Definitions, and Abbreviations

3.1 Terms and Definitions

3.1.1 Acceptance criteria

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