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## Measurement of water flow in open channels

### Part 1: Vocabulary and symbols

#### Scope

This International Standard gives terms, definitions and symbols in English and French used in the field of hydrometric determinations.

#### Structure of the vocabulary

The terminology entries are presented in systematic order, grouped into sections according to particular methods of determination or in relation to particular subjects. Annex A lists the symbols used in this International Standard. Annex B refers the user to ISO 3454 for statistical terminology, and to ISO 5168 for more extensive information about the evaluation of uncertainties. An alphabetical index is included for each of the languages.

The structure of each entry is in accordance with ISO 10241:1992, *International terminology standards — Preparation and layout*. Country codes are in accordance with ISO 3166:1993, *Codes for the representation of names of countries*.

## 1 General terms

### 1.1 liquid flow

movement of a volume of a substance that is neither a solid nor a gas, that is practically incompressible, that offers insignificant resistance to change of shape and that flows freely

EXAMPLE — Water or water with sediment

#### Domaine d'application

La présente Norme internationale donne les termes, définitions et symboles en anglais et en français utilisés dans le domaine des déterminations hydrométriques.

#### Structure du vocabulaire

Les termes et leurs définitions sont présentés dans l'ordre systématique et sont regroupés en sections suivant la méthode de détermination ou le sujet traité. L'annexe A énumère les symboles utilisés dans la présente Norme internationale. Pour ce qui concerne le vocabulaire statistique, l'annexe B renvoie l'utilisateur à l'ISO 3454, et à l'ISO 5168 pour une information plus détaillée pour l'évaluation des incertitudes. Un index alphabétique pour chaque langue est inclus.

La structure de chaque article est en conformité avec l'ISO 10241:1992, *Normes terminologiques internationales — Élaboration et présentation*. Les codes des noms de pays sont en conformité avec l'ISO 3166:1993, *Codes pour la représentation des noms de pays*.

## 1 Termes généraux

### 1.1 écoulement mouvement d'un volume de liquide

mouvement d'une substance qui n'est ni un solide ni un gaz, qui est pratiquement incompressible, qui n'offre qu'une résistance insignifiante au changement de forme et qui s'écoule librement

EXEMPLE — Eau ou eau chargée de sédiments.