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FOREWORD

This publication has been produced by the Energy Institute's (EI) Road Tanker and Distribution Contractors Panels, with assistance from several operators of workshops for the maintenance and repair of petroleum road tankers in the UK.

The purpose of this publication is to provide guidance for the design, construction and operation of workshops for the maintenance of road tankers that transport main petroleum fuels products (petrol, kerosene, diesel/gas oil and aviation fuels) and which have not been certified gas-free beforehand. In this publication, 'maintenance' includes inspection, test and repair activities, but excludes repairs to the tank shell and product pipework.

This fourth edition of *Design, construction and operation of workshops for petroleum road tanker maintenance* includes more clearly the identification of the legislation relevant to road tanker workshops and provides guidance for compliance with the associated requirements and recommendations. This legislation includes site security, the creation of a potentially explosive atmosphere, the control of substances hazardous to health and working at height. Reference to certain other relevant recommendations published by the UK Health & Safety Executive in connection with vehicle workshops is included.

This publication also provides general guidance for the operation of such workshops. It should be noted that in determining any required safe procedure the effect of any unusual circumstances, on which it is impossible to generalise, should receive due consideration.

This publication is not intended to be a comprehensive guide for general aspects of the design and operation of workshops that are not specific to petroleum road tankers.

Attention is drawn to the fact that in countries other than the UK, there may exist statutory requirements, both local and national, pertaining to the design and construction of buildings in general and premises where petroleum products may be present. This publication is intended to be complementary to such requirements.

It may be noted that the section on petroleum road tanker maintenance and repair operations in workshops remains unchanged from that in the third edition.

Although it is anticipated that the adoption of the guidance in this publication will help to reduce the risk of accidents, the EI cannot accept any responsibility, of whatever kind, for damage or alleged damage arising or otherwise occurring in or about premises, areas or tankers, to which this guidance has been applied.

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This publication:

– Identifies the specific additional requirements for a heavy goods vehicle workshop intended to be used for maintaining road tankers used for the carriage of the main petroleum fuels products – petrol, kerosene, diesel/heating and aviation fuels – and which have not first been certified gas-free.
– Provides guidance for the design, equipping and operation of workshops used for maintaining such petroleum road tankers.
– References the relevant UK legislation for which compliance is essential.

The publication is divided into three parts:

– Part A provides references to relevant legislation for the designing and equipping of workshops associated with maintaining petroleum road tankers inside them which have not been gas-freed.
– Part B provides guidance related to the design and construction of the workshop structure and installed equipment; it is intended to complement general statutory requirements pertaining to the design and construction of buildings and those specific to vehicle workshops and premises where petroleum products may be present.
– Part C provides guidance on procedures and good practice for typical routine maintenance and repair operations in workshops.

This publication does not:

– Apply to the maintenance and repair of road tankers designed and used for the transport of liquefied petroleum gases (LPG) or bitumen, although certain of its provisions may be applicable to such operations.
– Extend to repairs of the tank shell itself or entry into the tank or its compartments.
– Provide a comprehensive guide for all aspects of the design and operation of a workshop for large goods vehicles.