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PART I INTRODUCTION

1.1 SCOPE

This MESC SPE specifies requirements for stainless steel pipe.

This MESC SPE shall apply in addition to the applicable MESC Buying Description, purchase order or requisition sheet.

This MESC SPE only applies to stainless steel pipe to ASTM A 312, Grades TP304, TP304L, TP304H, TP316, TP316L, TP321, TP321H, TP347 and UNS S31254.

This MESC SPE is written as amendments and supplements to ASTM A 312:2012, which are covered in Part II of this MESC SPE. The clause numbering of ASTM A 312:2012 has been retained and any amendments are identified as 'Add', 'Modify to read' or 'Delete'. Any clauses of ASTM A 312:2012 that are not amended or supplemented by this MESC SPE shall apply as written.

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1.3 DEFINITIONS

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The **Manufacturer/Supplier** is the party that manufactures or supplies equipment and services to perform the duties specified by the Contractor.

The **Principal** is the party that initiates the project and ultimately pays for its design and construction. The Principal will generally specify the technical requirements. The Principal may also include an agent or consultant authorised to act for, and on behalf of, the Principal.

The word **shall** indicates a requirement.

The word **should** indicates a recommendation.

1.4 CHANGES SINCE PREVIOUS EDITION

The previous edition of this MESC SPE was dated May 2010. The change is to update ASTM A312 version, incorporated new section on "Length" for pipes, add "with no addition of filler metal," in clause 6.1.3 and email address of MESC SPE administrator.

1.5 COMMENTS ON THIS MESC SPE

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PART II AMENDMENTS/SUPPLEMENTS TO ASTM A 312:2012

- 5.2.2 *Add* If a stabilised heat treatment is specified, the pipe shall be given a stabilising heat treatment in accordance with supplementary requirement S6 within a temperature range of 870 °C to 900 °C (1600 °F to 1650 °F) for 4 hours subsequent to the solution heat treatment.
- Alternatively, the Manufacturer may submit a stabilisation heat treatment procedure for approval by the Principal, and supplementary requirement S7 shall apply.
- 6.1.1 *Add:*
- Pipe with a wall thickness > 6.4 mm (0.25 in) shall be furnished seamless, unless otherwise approved by the Principal.
- 6.1.3 *Modify to read:*
- Welded pipe shall be made using the electric fusion welding process, **with no addition of filler metal**, in accordance with Table 302.3.4 of ASME B31.3.
- 6.1.4 *Add:*
- Any cold working shall be done before the final heat treatment.
- 6.1.7 *Add:*
- If pickling is applied, it shall be done in accordance with ASTM A 380.
- 6.2 *Add:*
- Heat treatment procedures shall be subject to statistical process control to ensure that the final material properties comply with the material specification and this MESC SPE. The process control data and related periodic quality control checks shall be documented.
- 7.1 *Add:*
- For pipe ordered to Grade TP316, the carbon content shall not exceed 0.035 %.
- 11.6 *Add* Austenitic stainless steels shall be capable of passing an intergranular corrosion test in accordance with supplementary requirement S7. The frequency of this test shall be sufficient for the Manufacturer to assure that all tests would be successful if subsequently performed. If periodic data are not available, then an intergranular corrosion test shall be performed for each heat in the purchase order.
- 11.7 *Add* Pipe ordered to Grade UNS S31254 shall be subject to a ferric chloride test in accordance with ASTM G 48, Method A. The test temperature shall be 50 °C (122 °F) and the exposure time shall be 24 hours. Test specimens shall be in the as-delivered condition. The test shall expose the external and internal surfaces and a cross section surface including the weld zone in full wall thickness. No pitting is acceptable at the internal or external surfaces at 20 times magnification. The weight loss shall be < 4.0 g/m² (0.013 oz/ft²).
- 12.1 *Add:*
- For pipe ordered in sizes ≥ DN 150 (NPS 6), both hydrostatic testing and nondestructive electric testing shall be performed.
- 12.2 *Add:*
- Hydrostatic testing shall be performed after heat treatment.
- Hydrotesting shall be performed with water containing no more than 50 ppm chloride. The pipe shall be dry before any end closures are installed.
- 12.3 *Modify purchaser to read principal.*

12.5 *Add* The entire length of welds of pipe furnished by the electric fusion welding process as specified in clause 6.1.3 shall be 100 % examined by radiography in accordance with supplementary requirement S5.

13.1 Add
Unless specified otherwise in the purchase order, the Unit of Length (UoL) for pipe is in meter or feet. The form of delivery shall be in single random length (SRL or double random length (DRL). The specified quantities of random lengths on the purchase order shall be converted to aggregate length on the basis of 6.1 m (20 ft) for single random length and 12.2 m (40 ft) for double random length.

To satisfy the purchase order required pipe length, the delivered quantities of random lengths shall amount to at least the calculated aggregate length.

16.1 *Add:*
Unless specified otherwise, inspection and test certificates shall be supplied to the Principal.

17.1 *Add:*
Marking shall also include the charge number (heat number) and, where applicable, the heat treatment batch number.

PART III REFERENCES

In this MESC SPE, reference is made to the following publications:

NOTES:

1. Unless specifically designated by date, the latest edition of each publication shall be used, together with any amendments/supplements/revisions thereto.
2. Most of the referenced external standards are available to Shell staff on the SWW (Shell Wide Web) at <http://sww.shell.com/standards>.

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Heavily Cold Worked Austenitic Stainless Steel Pipes

ASTM A 312:2012

Standard Practice for Cleaning, Descaling, and
Passivation of Stainless Steel Parts, Equipment, and
Systems

ASTM A 380

Standard Test Methods for Pitting and Crevice Corrosion
Resistance of Stainless Steels and Related Alloys by Use
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