

Eurocode 3 — Design of steel structures —

Part 4-3: Pipelines

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National foreword

This British Standard is the UK implementation of EN 1993-4-3:2007, incorporating corrigendum July 2009.

The start and finish of text introduced or altered by corrigendum is indicated in the text by tags. Text altered by CEN corrigendum July 2009 is indicated in the text by **AC1** <AC1>.

The structural Eurocodes are divided into packages by grouping Eurocodes for each of the main materials: concrete, steel, composite concrete and steel, timber, masonry and aluminium; this is to enable a common date of withdrawal (DOW) for all the relevant parts that are needed for a particular design. The conflicting national standards will be withdrawn at the end of the co-existence period, after all the EN Eurocodes of a package are available.

Following publication of the EN, there is a period allowed for national calibration during which the National Annex is issued, followed by a co-existence period of a maximum three years. During the co-existence period Member States are encouraged to adapt their national provisions. At the end of this co-existence period, the conflicting parts of national standard(s) will be withdrawn.

In the UK there are no conflicting national standards.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted by Technical Committee B/525, *Building and civil engineering structures*, to Subcommittee B/525/31, *Structural use of steel*.

A list of organizations represented on this subcommittee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

Where a normative part of this EN allows for a choice to be made at the national level, the range and possible choice will be given in the normative text as Recommended Values, and a note will qualify it as a Nationally Determined Parameter (NDP). NDPs can be a specific value for a factor, a specific level or class, a particular method or a particular application rule if several are proposed in the EN.

UK National Annex to BS EN 1993-4-3

To enable EN 1993-4-3 to be used in the UK, the committee has decided that no National Annex will be issued and recommend the following:

- all the Recommended Values should be used;
- all Informative Annexes may be used; and
- no NCCI have currently been identified.

This publication does not purport to include all the necessary provisions of a contract. Users are responsible for its correct application.

Compliance with a British Standard cannot confer immunity from legal obligation

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