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of continuous monitoring TRO sensors
used in ships —**

**Part 1:
DPD sensors**

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Introduction

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) adopted the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM Convention) in 2004^[1]. The Convention entered into force in September 2017 and requires that ballast water management systems (BWMS) be installed on board vessels according to an implementation schedule in the ensuing years. The Convention requires that the use of active substances by BWMS be evaluated using the *Procedure for approval of ballast water management systems that make use of active substances* (G9 Procedure of the Convention) ^[2] to ensure that the use of the BWMS does not pose any unacceptable risk to the environment, human health, property or resources. Oxidants are an important active substance associated with certain treatment systems. Total residual oxidant (TRO) is a critical process control parameter during both uptake and discharge of oxidant treatment technologies. TRO sensors are also used for compliance monitoring (maximum allowable discharge concentration) of ship discharges.

Sensors that monitor TRO are used in oxidant-based ballast water treatment to control both oxidant dose at ballast uptake and oxidant neutralization at ballast discharge. On uptake, the TRO sensor is used to monitor and control the addition of oxidant. This will vary depending upon the oxidant demand (due to organic matter) in the water being treated. On discharge, the TRO sensor monitors and controls the neutralization of any residual oxidant prior to overboard discharge, consistent with the approval by the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC). Consequently, the TRO sensor is expected to provide reliable, real-time monitoring.

N,N-Diethyl-*p*-phenylenediamine (DPD) is used in total and free chlorine (Cl₂) colorimetric analysis because it reacts with hypochlorous acid and hypochlorite ions. Most conventional TRO analysis methods apply to drinking water and low-saline water treatment in land-based facilities. Using these methods, most of the TRO measurements are made under stable environmental conditions, for example in terms of continuous flow and water properties. By contrast, the BWMS TRO measurements must consider varying conditions. Several factors interfere with TRO measurements. For example, the salts and other ions in seawater can affect the development of a specific colour that is quantitatively related to the TRO concentration in water. The pH and water temperature may affect the oxidation potential of Cl₂ in water, interfering with the TRO measurement. The production of a relatively weak colour may be due to shadow effects from particles or organic matter in water.

The testing of the performance of TRO sensors in water is currently per ISO 7393-3. This method is appropriate for drinking water and other waters where additional halogens like bromine, iodine, and other oxidizing agents are present in almost negligible amounts. Seawater and waters containing bromides and iodides comprise a group for which special procedures are to be carried out. TRO sensors are now being used on ships, which are often in marine waters, and a method for evaluating the potential substances that may interfere with both shipboard and marine waters is currently not available.

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Part 1: DPD sensors

1 Scope

This document provides a method to ensure the performance of continuous monitoring TRO sensors, which can be installed in a BWMS or elsewhere in a ship, taking into consideration environmental factors associated with shipboard conditions, such as high salinity, vibration, variation in humidity and temperature, and predictable sea conditions. This document is intended for use by BWMS manufacturers, sensor manufacturers, testing agencies, and ship owners to verify the performance of a TRO sensor unit.

This document is intended to provide requirements and guidance for TRO sensors that use the N, N-diethyl-1,4-phenylene diamine (DPD) method. These requirements and guidance are applicable to testing of sensor units in a laboratory prior to installation. This document identifies:

- performance characteristics to be defined by manufacturers of TRO sensors used in the shipboard treatment environment (e.g. salinity range);
- pre-qualification and performance procedures to document instrument capabilities;
- performance test procedures to be used in different environmental conditions.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IACS UR E10, *Test specification for type approval*

ISO 7393-2, *Water quality — Determination of free chlorine and total chlorine — Part 2: Colorimetric method using N,N-dialkyl-1,4-phenylenediamine, for routine control purposes*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60079 (all parts), *Explosive atmospheres*

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1
abnormal water level

minimum water level that can be measured in measurement cell

3.2
active substance

AS
substance or organism, including a virus or fungus that has a general or specific action on or against harmful aquatic organisms and pathogens

[SOURCE: IMO, Resolution MEPC.169(57):2008, 2.1]

3.3
calibration solution

solution containing a substance or mixture of substances giving a defined value of the *determinand* (3.4) and used for calibration of the *total residual oxidant sensor* (3.11) instrument

3.4
determinand

property or substance that is required to be measured and reflected by, or present in, a *calibration solution* (3.3)

[SOURCE: ISO 15839:2003, 3.13]

3.5
reagent validity test

stability test of buffer and indicator reagent solution required for *total residual oxidant* (3.10) measurement

3.6
response time

time interval between the instant when the *total residual oxidant sensor* (3.11) is subjected to a *zero solution* (3.14) in *determinand* (3.4) value and the instant when the readings cross a band defined by 90 % of *span solution* (3.8)

3.7
span drift

variation of the indicated value for the span of the measuring device for a certain period of time

3.8
span solution

solution with a certain percentage of analyte concentration within the measuring range specified for the instrument

3.9
standard solution

set of simple or synthetic reference solutions having different analyte concentrations

Note 1 to entry: The zero solution is, in principle, the solution having zero concentration of the analyte.

3.10
total residual oxidant
TRO

complete amount of oxidising compounds in water, including biocidal compounds added via chemical injection, electrolysis, or ozonation, such as chlorine gas, chlorine dioxide (ClO₂), ozone (O₃), or chemicals that are quickly converted to sodium hypochlorite

Note 1 to entry: TROs also include compounds derived from reactions with primary oxidants, such as hypohalites, hypohalous acids, chloramines, bromamines, and N-Cl linked compounds.

Note 2 to entry: Active substances (AS) should be defined by the ballast water management system (BWMS) manufacturer, which should be controlled as intended through the risk assessment of the BWMS. Then a BWMS with an AS defined by the manufacturer would be evaluated with equivalent oxidation potential of TRO. Therefore, the concept of TRO in this application of BWMS is rather conceptual. Even some potential substances in treated water such as chlorine gas, chloramines and other disinfection by-products are not considered and proposed as the AS or TRO by the manufacturer.

3.11

total residual oxidant sensor

TRO sensor

sensor which measures the concentration of *total residual oxidant* ([3.10](#))

3.12

TRO sensor unit

TSU

device designed for processes that require continuous in-line monitoring of *total residual oxidant (TRO)* ([3.10](#)) levels

Note 1 to entry: It monitors the concentration levels of TRO during ballasting and de-ballasting.

Note 2 to entry: It should be composed of buffer solution, indicator and sample measurement cell separately.

3.13

zero drift

variation of the indicated value for the zero of the measuring device for a certain period of time

3.14

zero solution

solution having no residual oxidant, such as purified water, which can be used for zero-point solution

4 Determination of the measurement procedure

The laboratory test is designed to demonstrate the performance characteristics of the TRO sensor that will be installed in the ballast water management systems.

The manufacturer shall check the general requirements of the TRO sensor unit (TSU) in accordance with [Annex A](#). The manufacturer shall also provide the information to the testing agency as specified in [Annex B](#), to conduct the performance evaluation of the TSU in the laboratory. The test bench facilities (see [Annex A](#)) can be slightly different for each test environment. However, the following conditions shall be applied in all instruments.

The test bench facilities shall match the requirements specified for the instruments by the manufacturer. The facilities shall include the ability to record (manually or automatically) readings of the sensor equipment in analogue or digital form.

Where appropriate, it shall be possible to change the calibration solution determinand value measured by the instrument within less than 10 % of the response time declared by the manufacturer. Typical examples where this is not appropriate are the determination of turbidity and electrical conductivity. The facilities shall include laboratory instruments for analysis of the required determinand(s). The methods used and test results shall be reported (see [7.3](#)).

After confirming the performance of the interferences of the TRO sensor (see [5.4](#) and [5.5](#)), the manufacturer should present it to the test agency, which should then verify the performance provided by the manufacturer.

A schematic of the test procedure is shown in [Figure 1](#).

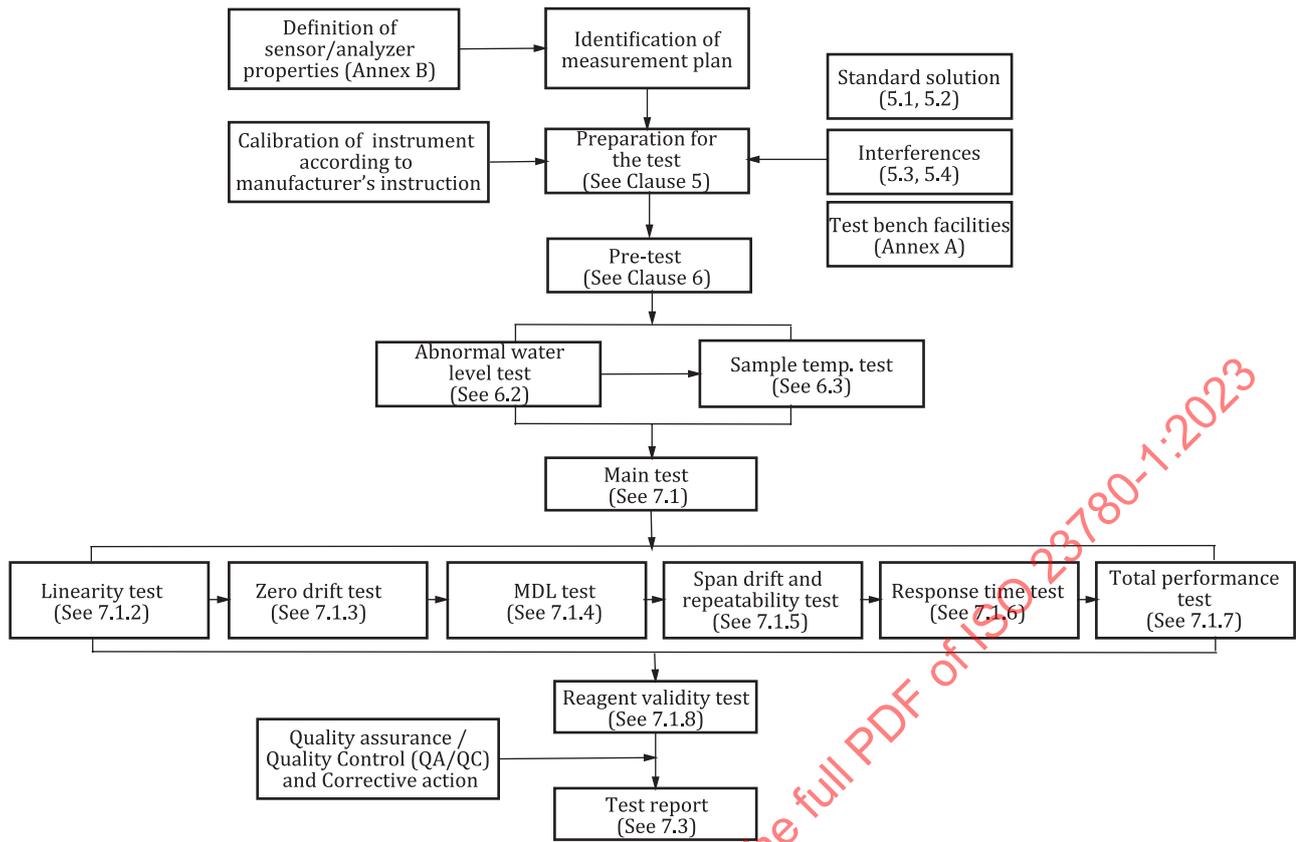


Figure 1 — Schematic of the test procedure

5 Preparation for the test

5.1 Confirmation of effective chlorine concentration

There are two ways to make a chlorine standard solution: solid and liquid. When using solid or liquid standard matter, determine the effective chlorine concentration before preparing the standard solution. Steps for determining the effective concentration of chlorine shall be in accordance with [Annex C](#).

5.2 Preparation for chlorine standard solution

The standard solution shall be prepared at the time of testing and verified in accordance with ISO 7393-2, using the following procedure.

- Standard stock solution (1 000 mg/l): Dissolve the amount obtained in [5.3](#) or quantified liquid reagent and fill distilled water to 1 000 ml.
- Pour 100 ml of the standard stock solution (calcium hypochlorite) into the measured 9,9 l distilled water in container (= 10 mg/l).
- As an analysis result, the sample should be diluted and analysed again if the measurement value gets out of specification of the instrument.

5.3 Verification of standard solution

- Verify the standard solution is not expired by measuring values of the 50 % sea water span solution two times directly after making the solution and passing a certain time period.

- b) Fresh liquid standard solution shall be prepared from solid calcium hypochlorite immediately prior to each test and directly discarded after the test is complete.

5.4 Interferences

5.4.1 General

Potential sources of interferences to the measurement are identified in this clause. In this test, an interference measurement procedure is presented to consider the effect of interferences.

The N, N-diethyl-1,4-phenylene diamine (DPD) method detects oxidants used as disinfectants: chlorine (Cl_2), chlorine dioxide (ClO_2), ozone (O_3), bromine (Br_2), and disinfection by-products such as chlorite, chlorate, bromite and bromate.

Based on the TRO sensor equipment and test environment conditions, the testing organization shall prepare the test bench, check the general equipment items, and test them in accordance with [Annexes A](#) and [B](#).

The calibration test of the TRO sensor shall be performed taking into account turbidity, salinity and temperature.

5.4.2 Salinity

Halogen ions in saline-containing solutions can cause a relatively low colour reaction, interfering with TRO measurements in sea water.

5.4.3 Manganese compounds

Manganese can exist in oxidation states of +2 through +7. The higher oxidation states, typically +3 to +7, will interfere with the DPD method. Free chlorine reacts to oxidize soluble manganese compounds.

5.4.4 Colour and turbidity

One critical problem when applying colorimetric procedures to samples is interference from turbidity and colour in the water. For certain parameters, a preliminary filtration can be performed to remove particulate matter from the sample without any modification of oxidant's potential, nor time delay to measuring. The residual sample colour is "zeroed" at the measuring wavelength.

5.4.5 Dissolved oxygen

The indicator reagent will be oxidized by dissolved oxygen at higher pH. The reagent should always be maintained in a buffer with pH between 6 and 8.

5.4.6 Temperature

Higher temperatures increase the oxidation reaction rates of free chlorine with various organic and inorganic compounds.

5.5 Procedures for determining the impact on interferences

5.5.1 General

There are several factors that interfere with TRO, but this document presents a test procedure to confirm the effects of salinity, temperature, and turbidity, which are the major interferences. These tests shall be performed within the range agreed upon by the manufacturer and the testing agency. The testing institute should check this course is in line with the items suggested by the manufacturer before this test, particularly in terms of sensor performance. The purpose of interference testing is to assess the particles suspended in fluid that scatter and absorb light at the TRO measurement wavelengths.

5.5.2 Salinity

Water for performance testing shall be prepared for up to three salinities as required; seawater, brackish water and fresh water. Clients can select the salinity section to be tested among the water conditions in [Table 1](#) and request it to the test agency. Seawater and brackish waters may be prepared from either seawater or artificial seawater mix at the salinities found in [Table 1](#). It shall be verified that the testing water is at the same salinity according to [5.3](#).

Table 1 — Saline range

Water condition	Salinity	Remarks
a) Seawater	28 – 36 PSU	
b) Brackish water	10 – 20 PSU	
c) Freshwater	< 1 PSU	

NOTE The saline range is measured in unit of Practical Salinity Unit (PSU).

5.5.3 Temperature

The testing client can select the water condition (temperature) and require the target condition to be used by the testing organization. Temperature ranges for testing are provided in [Table 2](#).

Table 2 — Water condition (temperature)

Range	Temperature	Remark
a) Low temperature	<2 °C	liquid (not frozen) water
b) Mid-range temperature	2 °C ~ 30 °C	Room temperature
c) High temperature	> 30 °C	

5.5.4 Turbidity (optional)

- a) The range value of turbidity that affects the equipment performance should be provided by the manufacturer. The testing agency should check the interference effect of TRO measurement at the low and high turbidity values (see [Table 3](#) and [Figure 2](#)).
- b) The turbidity value of water for the test is presented as a range.
- c) Measure 5 %, 50 % span solution at blank (see NOTE), low turbidity and high turbidity respectively.

NOTE A blank is a solution without turbidity and is tested in the same way as samples with turbidity.

Table 3 — Turbidity range

Range	Turbidity	Remark
a) Low turbidity	Provided by manufacturer	
b) High turbidity	Provided by manufacturer	

NOTE These additional tests can be conducted to evaluate the equipment's performance against the interference factors.

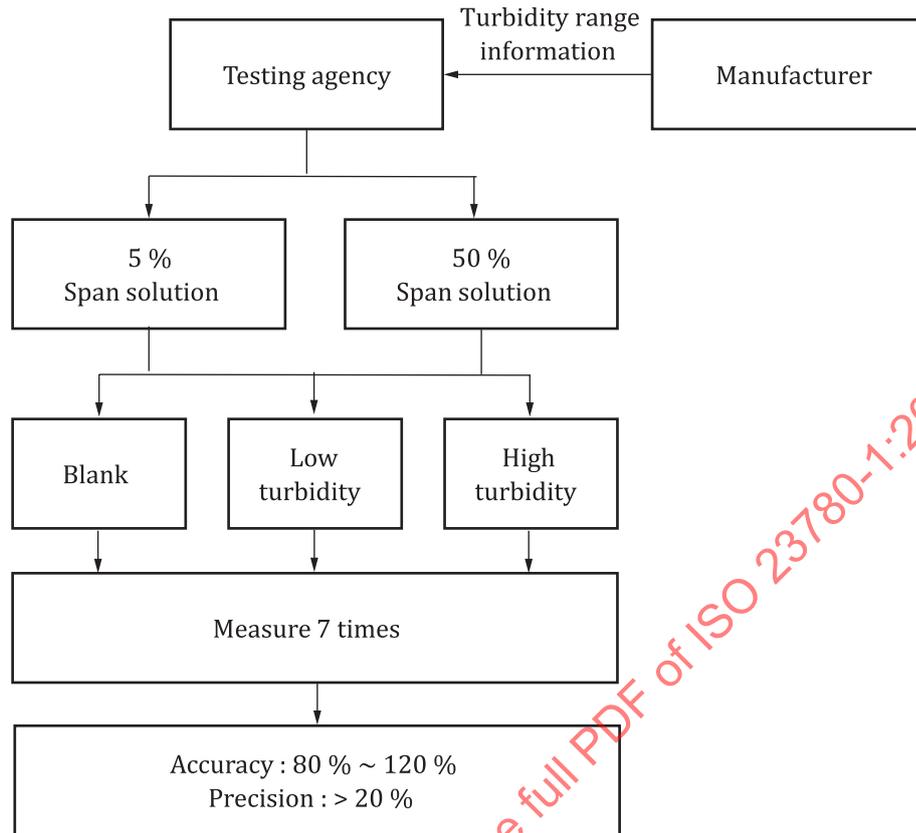


Figure 2 — Schematic of the turbidity test procedure

5.6 Test equipment and apparatus

The equipment and ancillary supplies shall include laboratory instruments to conduct and analyse TRO measurements. All glassware should be cleaned using standard procedures and checked for purity. Electronic instruments used for testing shall be calibrated:

- a) thermometer
- b) pH meter
- c) turbidimeter
- d) salinometer

6 Pre-test (checklist and method/specifications)

6.1 General

Before testing the TRO sensor, a pre-test shall be conducted in seawater [see [Table 1 a\)](#)] and 50 % span condition and room temperature condition. The purpose of the pre-test is to check the operational functions of the TRO sensor.

6.2 Abnormal water level test

Check whether the alarm is raised when water is not supplied sufficiently to the measurement cell.

Abnormal water level information of instruments should be supplied by the manufacturer.

The abnormal water level test procedure is as follows:

- a) measure a 50 % seawater span solution under normal conditions 10 times and record in [Table 4](#);
- b) test the 50 % seawater span solution under abnormal conditions 10 times and record in [Table 4](#) (adjust the supply water condition e.g. pressure and flow rate, appropriately to trigger an abnormal water level alarm).

Table 4 — Abnormal water level test data sheet

<i>x</i>	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,1}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,2}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,3}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,4}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,5}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,6}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,7}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,8}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,9}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,10}	Average mg/l
Normal condition											
Abnormal condition											

6.3 Sample temperature test

Check whether the sensor measures the correct TRO values in various water temperatures.

The testing agency and testing client (manufacturer) may reach an agreement regarding the temperature condition shown in [Table 2](#).

The sample temperature test procedure is as follows:

- Measure the 50 % span solution 20 times at each temperature and record in [Table 5](#).

Table 5 — Sample temperature test data sheet

<i>x</i>	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,1}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,2}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,3}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,4}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,5}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,6}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,7}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,8}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,9}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,10}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,11}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,12}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,13}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,14}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,15}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,16}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,17}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,18}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,19}	<i>y</i> _{<i>i</i>,20}	Average mg/l	
Low temp.																						
Mid temp.																						
High temp.																						

7 Test procedures

7.1 Main test

7.1.1 General

The purpose of the main test is to check the overall TRO sensor performance. It shall be confirmed that the test condition is in constant concentration solution in the test tank. The stability of the standard solution should be tested within a time period that does not exceed ±5 % of the first measured concentration.

7.1.2 Linearity test

Check that the measured values keep increasing in a straight line at different solutions. Select at least one point from the three groups shown in [Table 6](#) and perform a linearity test using three or more points.

Table 6 — Solution group for linearity

Group	Low			Middle		High	
Span (%)	5	20	35	50	65	80	95

The test procedure is as follows.

- Measure span solutions of 30 %, 50 % and 80 % and record in [Table 7](#). The deviation of calibration error shall be less than ±5 %.
- Calculate the difference between each measured value and the concentration of the test solution.
- Calculate the linearity using [Formula \(1\)](#).

$$L = \frac{M_s}{C_{is}} \times 100 \tag{1}$$

where

L is the linearity, expressed in percentages (%);

M_s is the maximum value of I concentration of the test solution – measured value I , expressed in mg/l as Cl ;

C_{is} is the concentration of injected solution, expressed in mg/l as Cl.

Table 7 — Linearity test data sheet

x	$y_{i,1}$	$y_{i,2}$	$y_{i,3}$	$y_{i,4}$	$y_{i,5}$	$y_{i,6}$	$y_{i,7}$	$y_{i,8}$	$y_{i,9}$	$y_{i,10}$	Linearity %
Low (Span %)											
Middle (Span %)											
High (Span %)											

7.1.3 Zero drift test

Check that the TRO sensor can measure same values at different times in the zero solution.

The test procedure is as follows.

- Measure the zero solution for at least 1 h.
- Calculate the deviation from the initial measurement and the measured value after 1 h and record in [Table 8](#).
- Calculate the zero drift as a percentage of the measurement range using [Formula \(2\)](#).

$$Z = \frac{|C_{z0} - C_{z2}|}{R_z} \times 100 \tag{2}$$

where

Z is zero drift, expressed in percentage (%);

C_{z0} is the value of the initial measurement, expressed in mg/l;

C_{z2} is the value measured after 1 h, expressed in mg/l;

R_z is the maximum capable measuring concentration of instrument, expressed in mg/l.

Table 8 — Zero drift test data sheet

x_1	Measuring value	Zero drift %
Value of the initial measurement(C_{z0})		
Value measured after 1 h(C_{z2})		

7.1.4 MDL (method detection limit) test

Check the lowest concentration of the standard solution, which the TRO sensor is enabled to detect and measure. The lower concentration of the standard solution is considered as a non-detection zone. The repeated test value should be recorded in [Table 9](#).

The test procedure is as follows.

- a) Measure 0,05 mg/l of lowest concentration of the standard solution.
- b) Calculate the standard deviation using [Formulae \(3\)](#) and [\(4\)](#):

$$L_{MD} = t \times D_{st} \tag{3}$$

where

t is the t -test value for $n - 1$ degrees of freedom;

D_{st} is the standard deviation, expressed in mg/l;

L_{MD} is the method detection limit, expressed in mg/l.

$$D_{st} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (C_i)^2 - \frac{1}{n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n C_i\right)^2}{n-1}} \tag{4}$$

where

C_i is the i^{th} indicated value;

n is the number of measurements;

- c) Limit LOQ (see NOTE) between 3 -10 x MDL, the lower limit of LOQ is required to be 0,1 mg/l or less.

NOTE LOQ is the lowest concentration of an analyte in a sample that can be determined with acceptable precision and accuracy under the stated operational conditions of the method.

Table 9 — MDL test data sheet

x	$y_{i,1}$	$y_{i,2}$	$y_{i,3}$	$y_{i,4}$	$y_{i,5}$	$y_{i,6}$	$y_{i,7}$	$y_{i,8}$	$y_{i,9}$	$y_{i,10}$	MDL (%)
0,5											

7.1.5 Span drift and repeatability test

Check the repeatability performance of the TRO sensor by repeatedly measuring in zero solution and span solution and record in [Tables 10](#) and [11](#).

The test procedure is as follows.

- Measure the span solution for at least 30 min.
- Measure the zero solution for at least 30 min.
- Repeat this cycle three times.
- Calculate the percentage of the measurement range using [Formulae \(5\)](#) and [\(6\)](#):

$$D_s = \frac{|C_{Z0} - C_{Z2}|}{R_s} \times 100 \quad (5)$$

where

D_s is span drift expressed in percentage (%);

C_{Z0} is the measured value after the initial 30 min, expressed in mg/l;

C_{Z2} is the measured value after 1 h, expressed in mg/l;

R_s is the maximum capable measuring concentration of instrument, expressed in mg/l.

$$R_e = \frac{D_M}{R_r} \times 100 \quad (6)$$

where

R_e is repeatability expressed in percentage (%);

D_M is the maximum value of the standard deviation of the zero measurement and span solutions;

R_r is the maximum capable measuring concentration of instrument.

Table 10 — Span drift test data sheet

x_1	Measuring value	Span drift %
Value measured after the initial 30 min (C_{Z0})		
Value measured after 1 h (C_{Z2})		

Table 11 — Repeatability test data sheet

x	1 Cycle		2 Cycle		3 Cycle	
	Zero solution	Span solution	Zero solution	Span solution	Zero solution	Span solution
y_{i1}						
y_{i2}						
y_{i3}						
y_{i4}						
y_{i5}						
D_s						
Maximum of D_{si}						
Repeatability (%)						

7.1.6 Response time test

Check the residual effect for certain duration time and record in [Table 12](#). The residual effect in the online sensor is observed as a saturation effect caused by the fact.

The test procedure is as follows.

- a) After measuring the zero solution five times, measure more than 85 % span solution.
- b) Measure the time until the deviation between measured value and the input solution are within 10 %.
- c) Response time shall be less than the specification of the TRO sensor.

Table 12 — Response time of test data sheet

y_i	Zero solution $y_{i,1}$	Zero solution $y_{i,2}$	Zero solution $y_{i,3}$	Zero solution $y_{i,4}$	Zero solution $y_{i,5}$	Span solution $y_{i,6}$	Span solution $y_{i,7}$	Time (s)
Value (mg/l)								

7.1.7 Total performance test

The main purpose of the total performance test is to verify the durability of the TRO sensor, whether it can continuously operate without any malfunction.

The test procedure is as follows.

- a) After measuring the zero solution five times for each of the three cycles, measure the more than 85 % span solution five times for each of the three cycles and record in [Table 13](#).
- b) Run the measuring equipment under laboratory conditions.
- c) After measuring the zero and span solutions under the same initial conditions, calculate the total performance (%) using [Formula \(7\)](#):

$$T_{tp} = \frac{|\overline{C_7} - \overline{C_1}|}{R_t} \times 100 \tag{7}$$

where

T_{tp} is the total performance test expressed in percentage (%);

\overline{C}_7 is the average of the measured value of the more than 85 % span solution after 7 days, expressed in mg/l;

\overline{C}_1 is the average of the measured value of the more than 85 % span solution in the initial test, expressed in mg/l;

R_t is the maximum capable measuring concentration of instrument, expressed in mg/l.

Table 13 — Total performance test data sheet

		1 Cycle					2 Cycle					3 Cycle					Average (mg/l)
		$y_{i,1}$	$y_{i,2}$	$y_{i,3}$	$y_{i,4}$	$y_{i,5}$	$y_{i,1}$	$y_{i,2}$	$y_{i,3}$	$y_{i,4}$	$y_{i,5}$	$y_{i,1}$	$y_{i,2}$	$y_{i,3}$	$y_{i,4}$	$y_{i,5}$	
Initial test	Zero																
	Span																
After 7 days	Zero																
	Span																
^a Continuous operating instrument under laboratory conditions during 7 days. ^b During this test, span solution shall be measured with a constant concentration of solution.																	

7.1.8 Reagent validity test

Check whether the reagent condition has deteriorated over time.

The test procedure is as follows.

- a) Check the expiration date of the reagent certified by the manufacturer.
- b) After storing the reagent 3/4 or more of the expiration date, measure the 50 % seawater span solution at least 10 times with the reagents and record in [Table 14](#).
- c) Compare the measured values with the statistical analysis (*t*-test) to verify their validity.

Table 14 — Reagent test data sheet

x	$y_{i,1}$	$y_{i,2}$	$y_{i,3}$	$y_{i,4}$	$y_{i,5}$	$y_{i,6}$	$y_{i,7}$	$y_{i,8}$	$y_{i,9}$	$y_{i,10}$	Average (mg/l)
Initial preparing the reagent											
After storing the reagent											

7.2 TRO sensor unit environmental test

7.2.1 General

The TRO sensor shall be examined based on the anticipated environment in which the TRO sensor will be operated and to which it will be exposed during its life. The sensor should be tested to verify its ability to function ahead of its actual utilization, considering a wide range of circumstances at sea. The TRO sensor shall comply with IACS UR E10, which stipulates the test specifications for type approval equipment installed in ships.

NOTE IACS UR E10 corresponds to IEC 60068-1, IEC 60092-504, IEC 60533 and IEC 61000-4-3.

7.2.2 Testing items

This test is based mainly on the IACS UR E10 test. The following additional tests in [7.2.3](#) and [7.2.4](#) are used in recognition of specific requirements for on board conditions.

7.2.3 IP test

The IP test shall be conducted in accordance with IEC 60529 and intended installation location of the sensor.

7.2.4 Explosion test

The explosion test is only for TRO sensors that are desired to be validated as intrinsically safe or EX rated.

The explosion test is specified for equipment used in potentially hazardous areas, and shall be in accordance with the IEC 60079 series.

7.3 Test report

The test report shall include the information in [Table 15](#). However, the report shall not be limited to the items listed in [Table 15](#).

Table 15 — Test report

Information		Requirements	
General description			
Applicant/manufacturer		X	
Name of product/model		X	
Location where tests were conducted		X	
Environmental condition	Humidity	X	
	Temperature	Sample	X
		Storage	X
		Operating	X
Test instrument	The calibrated instrument used for test	X	
Test description			
Target water condition (fresh, brackish, seawater)		X	
Pre-test	Abnormal water level test result	X	
	Sample temperature test result	X	
Main test	Linearity	X	
	Zero draft test result	X	
	MDL test result	X	
	Span draft and repeatability test result	X	
	Response time	X	
	Total performance test result	X	
Reagent	Reagent validity test result	X	
Environmental tests	IACS UR E10	X	
	IP test	X	
	Explosion test	X	
	Safe compass distance test	X	

Annex A (normative)

The test bench facilities

A.1 Recommended test bench facilities

Test organizations shall meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025.

The general test bench diagram should be provided by the testing agency including TSU.

The test organization shall be capable of conducting tests such that:

- a) Instrument response to changes in concentration shall be recorded so that the temporal response can be determined.
- b) The sensing instrument shall be exposed to calibration solutions under a continuous flow at a constant flow rate.
- c) Any temperature testing shall be conducted with the calibration solutions maintained at a constant temperature.
- d) Stability of the calibration solutions shall be maintained, with test apparatus designed to prevent deterioration which arise from evaporation or contamination.
- e) Water used for creating calibration solutions shall be tested for potential contaminants, including TRO. Measured interferences shall not exceed the limits specified by the manufacturer; de-ionized water may be used to dilute tap water in order to meet these requirements.

A.2 General requirements of TSU.

A.2.1 Product requirements

The TSU provided by the manufacturer shall meet the following product requirements.

- The wiring and electrical installation complies with IEC 60529 or an equivalent standard.
- The manufacturer of the TSU shall provide relevant information, such as an operating manual, specifications, device characteristics.
- The mechanical equipment of TSU shall be calibrated according to manufacturer's instruction before the main test.

A.2.2 Functional requirements

The TSU provided by the manufacturer shall meet the following functional requirements.

- The fully assembled TSU that includes all components for normal operation (piping, sensor, electrical enclosures, pumps, etc.) and shall be subjected to a complete operational performance check.
- The measured TRO value shall be automatically and digitally recorded in accordance with specification of the manufacturer.