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1. **INTRODUCTION**

— When CICIND began drafting the model codes for the design of concrete and steel chimneys, the Dutch study group realised there was also a need for a manual for chimney-users for inspection and maintenance of large industrial chimneys. There did not seem to be any existing directly relevant literature, covering techniques, experience and recommendations for these activities.

— The manual is intended to provide useful information organised in a way helpful for the inspection and maintenance of Chimneys.

It represents the current knowledge and is complemented by appendices and a list of relevant literature. (See chapter 4)

— New developments in this area are constantly taking place.

Therefore this manual is provided in a loose-leaf format, which enables easy additions and corrections.

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