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Guidance and recommendations on design, selection and installation of vents to safeguard the structural integrity of enclosures protected by gaseous fire-extinguishing systems (ISO 21805:2023 + Amd 1:2025) (includes Amendment :2026)

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