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Safety of machinery - Application of protective equipment to detect the presence of persons

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INTRODUCTION

This document provides requirements and information on the application of sensitive protective equipment (SPE), which employs sensing devices to detect persons, in order to reduce or minimize a risk from hazardous parts of machinery, without providing a physical barrier.

The objective of this document is to assist standards writing committees responsible for developing machine standards (type-C Standards), machine designers, manufacturers and refurbishers, machine safety certification organizations, workplace authorities and others on the proper application of sensitive protective equipment to machinery.

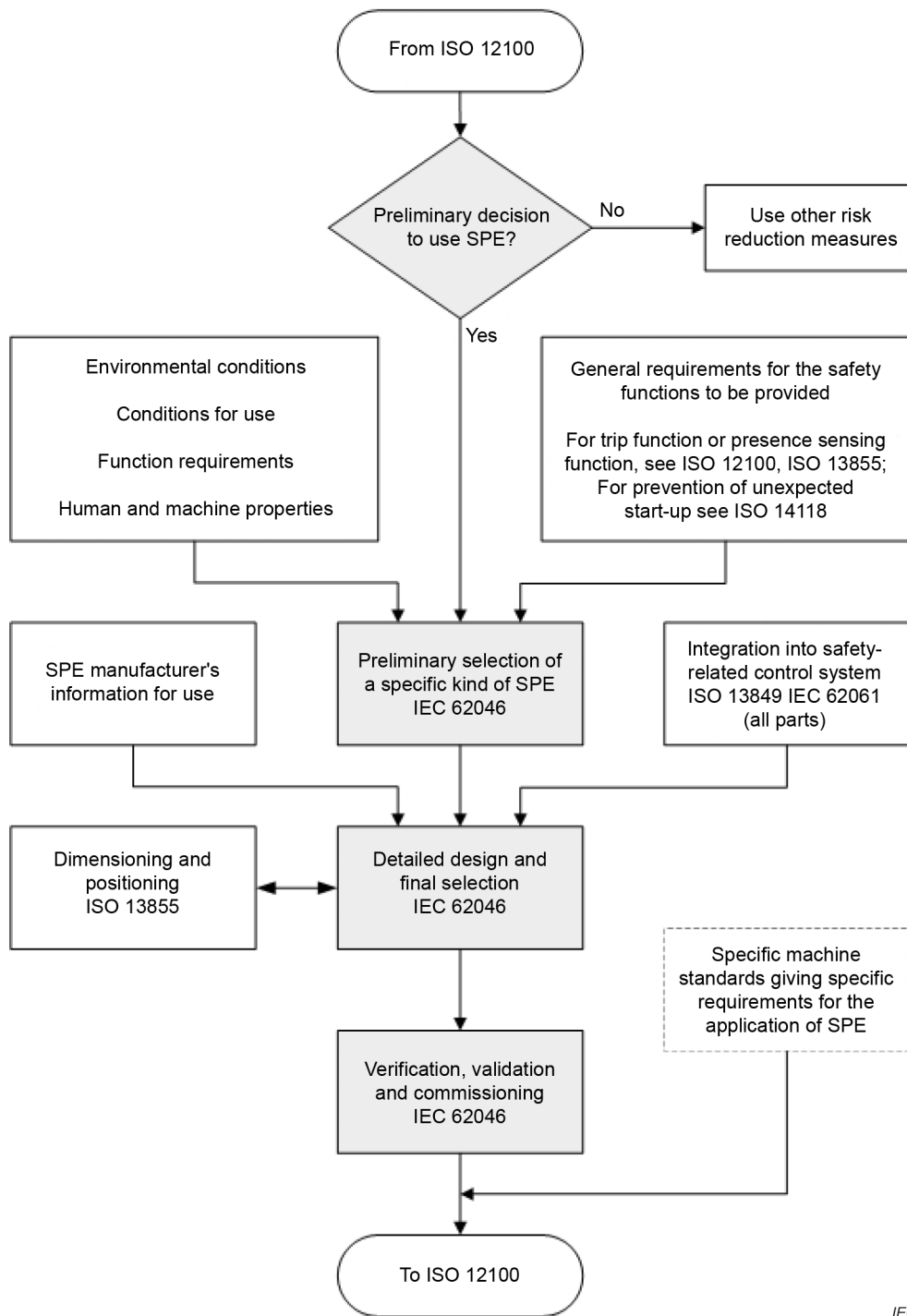
Figure 1 shows the general context and the intended use of this document.

Clause 1 to Clause 5, Clause 7 and Clause 8 of this document apply to all sensitive protective equipment included in the scope, Clause 6 contains guidance for the application of specific kinds of sensitive protective equipment.

The principles of this document can be useful in the application of devices using other detection technologies but this document does not give specific requirements for those devices.

This document considers devices standardized in the IEC 61496 series and the ISO 13856 series. Unless a product-specific safety-related standard for devices using other sensing technologies is published, their suitability as the sole means of protection from machine hazards is unknown. The selection and use of devices for which there is no product-specific safety-related standard because their behaviour, particularly under fault conditions, is not known to be sufficiently predictable should be selected only after adequate research.

A SIL (safety integrity level, as described in IEC 62061 or IEC 61508) or PL (performance level, as described in ISO 13849-1) is not sufficient as an indication of a device's suitability for use as a safeguard. Suitability depends on appropriate sensing means, environmental conditions especially those that can affect the detection capability, behaviour under fault conditions, etc.



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Figure 1 – Relationship of this document to other standards

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the selection, positioning, configuration and commissioning of sensitive protective equipment (SPE) to detect the momentary or continued presence of persons in order to protect those persons from dangerous part(s) of machinery in industrial applications. This document covers the application of electro-sensitive protective equipment (ESPE) specified in the IEC 61496 series and pressure-sensitive mats and floors specified in ISO 13856-1.

It takes into account the characteristics of the machinery, the sensitive protective equipment, the environment and human interaction by persons of 14 years and older.

This document includes informative annexes to provide guidance on the application of sensitive protective equipment to detect the presence of persons. These annexes contain examples to illustrate the principles of this document. These examples are not intended to be the only solutions to a given application and are not intended to restrict innovation or advancement of technology. The examples are provided only as representative solutions to illustrate some of the concepts of integration of sensitive protective equipment, and have been simplified for clarity, so they can be incomplete.

It is intended that this document is used in conjunction with ISO 13855.

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IEC 61496-1, *Safety of machinery - Electro-sensitive protective equipment - Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 61496-2, *Safety of machinery - Electro-sensitive protective equipment - Part 2: Particular requirements for equipment using active opto-electronic protective devices (AOPDs)*

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ISO 13856-1:2013, *Safety of machinery - Pressure-sensitive protective devices - Part 1: General principles for design and testing of pressure-sensitive mats and pressure-sensitive floors*

ISO 13857, *Safety of machinery - Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs*
