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## INTRODUCTION

This International Standard is mainly aimed at people such as design engineers, maintenance engineers, etc., who need to specify the behaviour of a system, e.g. the control and command of an automation system, safety component, etc. This specification language should also serve as a communication means between designers and users of automated systems.



# **GRAFCET SPECIFICATION LANGUAGE FOR SEQUENTIAL FUNCTION CHARTS**

## **1 Scope**

This International Standard defines the GRAFCET<sup>1</sup> specification language for the functional description of the behaviour of the sequential part of a control system.

This standard specifies the symbols and rules for the graphical representation of this language, as well as for its interpretation.

This standard has been prepared for automated production systems of industrial applications. However, no particular area of application is excluded.

Methods of development of a specification that makes use of GRAFCET are beyond the scope of this standard. One method is for example the "SFC language" specified in IEC 61131-3, which defines a set of programming languages for programmable controllers.

NOTE See Annex C for further information on the relations between IEC 60848 and implementation languages such as the SFC of IEC 61131-3.

## **2 Normative references**

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## **3 Terms and definitions**

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

NOTE The definitions of the terms in 3.1 apply only in the context of the GRAFCET specification language.

### **3.1 Terms in the GRAFCET**

#### **3.1.1 action**

GRAFCET language element associated with a step, indicating an activity to be performed on output or internal variables

#### **3.1.2 directed link**

GRAFCET language element indicating the evolution paths between steps by connecting steps to transitions and transitions to steps

#### **3.1.3 grafcet chart**

function chart using the GRAFCET specification language

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<sup>1</sup> GRAFCET: GRAPhe Fonctionnel de Commande Etape Transition.