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**Agricultural machinery — Safety —**  
**Part 1:**  
**General requirements**

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## Foreword

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The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 23, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Safety and comfort*.

This fifth edition of ISO 4254-1 cancels and replaces the fourth edition (ISO 4254-1:2008), which has been technically revised. In particular, requirements relating to the following have been introduced:

- vibrations;
- protection of moving parts;
- operation of machine parts;
- operating fluids;
- foldable barriers;
- PTO drive shaft guard clearance;
- emergency stop controls;
- safety related parts of control systems;
- roll-over and tip-over hazards.

ISO 4254 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Agricultural machinery — Safety*:

- *Part 1: General requirements*
- *Part 5: Power-driven soil-working machines*
- *Part 6: Sprayers and liquid fertilizer distributors*
- *Part 7: Combine harvesters, forage harvesters and cotton harvesters*
- *Part 8: Solid fertilizer distributors*
- *Part 9: Seed drills*
- *Part 10: Rotary tedders and rakes*

- *Part 11: Pick-up balers*
- *Part 12: Rotary disc and drum mowers and flail mowers*
- *Part 13: Large rotary mowers*

ISO 4254-2, *Anhydrous ammonia applicators*, has been withdrawn.

ISO 4254-3, *Tractors*, has been cancelled and replaced by ISO 26322 (all parts), *Tractors for agriculture and forestry — Safety*.

ISO 4254-4, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Technical means for providing safety — Part 4: Forestry winches*, has been cancelled and replaced by ISO 19472, *Machinery for forestry — Winches — Dimensions, performance and safety*.

## Introduction

This document is a type-C standard as stated in ISO 12100.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations and events are covered are indicated in the scope of this document.

When requirements of this type-C standard are different from those which are stated in type-A or type-B standards, the requirements of this type-C standard take precedence over the requirements of the other standards for machines that have been designed and built according to the requirements of this type-C standard.





# Agricultural machinery — Safety —

## Part 1: General requirements

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 4254 specifies the safety requirements and the means of their verification for the design and construction of self-propelled ride-on machines, mounted, semi-mounted and trailed machines used in agriculture in order to deal with the hazards which are typical for most of the machines. In addition, it specifies the type of information on safe working practices including information about residual risks to be provided by the manufacturer.

This document deals with significant hazards, hazardous situations and events, as listed in [Annex A](#), relevant to this agricultural machinery when used as intended and under the conditions of misuse foreseeable by the manufacturer during normal operation and service.

This part of ISO 4254 is not applicable to

- agricultural or forestry tractors,
- aircraft and air-cushion vehicles used in agriculture,
- lawn and garden equipment,
- machine-specific components or functions (e.g. working tools and/or processes).

This part of ISO 4254 is not applicable to hazards related to periodic service, machine conversion and repairs intended to be carried out by professional service personnel, environmental hazards, road safety (e.g. steering, braking), or to the power take-off (PTO) drive shaft; neither is it applicable to guards of moving parts for power transmission except for strength requirements for guards and barriers.

This part of ISO 4254 is not applicable to machines which are manufactured before the date of its publication.

Not all of the hazards dealt with by this part of ISO 4254 are necessarily present on a particular machine. A risk assessment should be carried out by the manufacturer to determine the hazards that are applicable and any hazards in addition to those dealt with by this part or a relevant machine-specific part. The requirements of a machine-specific part of ISO 4254 take precedence over the requirements of this part.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3600:1996, *Tractors, machinery for agriculture and forestry, powered lawn and garden equipment — Operator's manuals — Content and presentation*

ISO 3744:2010, *Acoustics — Determination of sound power levels and sound energy levels of noise sources using sound pressure — Engineering methods for an essentially free field over a reflecting plane*

ISO 3767-1:1998, *Tractors, machinery for agriculture and forestry, powered lawn and garden equipment — Symbols for operator controls and other displays — Part 1: Common symbols*