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Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Annex I of Directive 2006/42/EC

The relevant Essential Requirements of Directive 2006/42/EC	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks/Notes
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1.4.1	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12	
1.4.2.2	12	
1.4.3	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11	
1.7.4.2	Annex D	

Table ZA.2 — Applicable Standards to confer presumption of conformity as described in this Annex ZA

Reference in Clause 2	International Standard Edition	Title	Corresponding European Standard Edition
ISO 12100:2010	ISO 12100:2010	Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction	EN ISO 12100:2010
ISO 13857:2019	ISO 13857:2019	Safety of machinery — Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs	EN ISO 13857:2019

The documents listed in the Column 1 of Table ZA.2, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document, i.e. are indispensable for its application. The achievement of the presumption of conformity is subject to the application of the edition of Standards as listed in Column 4 or, if no European Standard Edition exists, the International Standard Edition given in Column 2 of Table ZA.2.

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Introduction

The structure of safety standards in the field of machinery is as follows:

- a) type-A standards (basic safety standards) giving basic concepts, principles for design, and general aspects that can be applied to all machinery;
- b) type-B standards (generic safety standards) dealing with one safety aspect or one type of safeguard that can be used across a wide range of machinery:
 - type-B1 standards on particular safety aspects (e.g. safety distances, surface temperature, noise);
 - type-B2 standards on safeguards (e.g. two-hand control devices, interlocking devices, pressure-sensitive devices, guards);
- c) type-C standards (machine safety standards) dealing with detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines.

This document is a type-B1 standard as stated in ISO 12100.

This document is of relevance, in particular, for the following stakeholder groups representing the market players with regard to machinery safety:

- machine manufacturers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- health and safety bodies (regulators, accident prevention organisations, market surveillance).

Others can be affected by the level of machinery safety achieved with the means of the document by the above-mentioned stakeholder groups:

- machine users/employers (small, medium and large enterprises);
- machine users/employees (e.g. trade unions, organizations for people with special needs);
- service providers, e.g. for maintenance (small, medium and large enterprises);
- consumers (in case of machinery intended for use by consumers).

The above-mentioned stakeholder groups have been given the possibility to participate in the drafting process of this document.

In addition, this document is intended for standardization bodies elaborating type-C standards.

The requirements of this document can be supplemented or modified by a type-C standard.

For machines which are covered by the scope of a type-C standard and which have been designed and built according to the requirements of that type-C standard, the following applies: if the requirements of that type-C standard deviate from the requirements in type-B standards, the requirements of that type-C standard take precedence over the provisions of other standards.

Correct positioning of protective devices is critical for them to be effective. In deciding on these positions, a number of aspects are taken into account, such as:

- the necessity of a risk assessment according to ISO 12100;
- the practical experience in the use of the machine;
- the time taken to achieve the intended risk reduction following operation of the safeguard, for example, to stop the machine;
- the bio-mechanical and anthropometric data;
- any intrusion by a part of the body towards the hazard zone until the protective device is actuated;

- the path taken by the body part when moving from the detection zone towards the hazard zone;
- the possible presence of a person between the safeguard and the hazard zone;
- the possibility of undetected access to the hazard zone.

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Safety of machinery — Positioning of safeguards with respect to the approach of the human body

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the positioning and dimensioning of safeguards with respect to the approach of the human body or its parts towards hazard(s) within the intended span-of-control as follows:

- the position and dimension of the detection zone(s) of ESPE and pressure-sensitive mats and pressure-sensitive floors;
- the position of two-hand control devices and single control devices;
- the position of interlocking guards.

This document also specifies requirements for the positioning of safety-related manual control devices (SRMCD) with respect to the approach of the human body or its parts from within the safeguard space relative to:

- the position and dimension of the detection zone(s) of ESPE and pressure-sensitive mats and pressure-sensitive floors; and
- the position and dimension of interlocking guards.

When evaluating the ability of the human body or its parts to access SRMCD from within the intended safeguarded space, the requirements of this document are also applicable to determine the dimensions of safeguard(s). Approaches such as running, jumping or falling, are not considered in this document.

NOTE 1 The values for approach speeds (walking speed and upper limb movement) in this document are time tested and proven in practical experience.

NOTE 2 Other types of approach can result in approach speeds that are higher or lower than those defined in this document.

This document applies to safeguards used on machinery for the protection of persons 14 years and older.

Safeguards considered in this document include:

- a) electro-sensitive protective equipment (ESPE) such as:
 - active opto-electronic protective devices (AOPDs) (see IEC 61496-2);
 - AOPDs responsive to diffuse reflection that have one or more detection zone(s) specified in two dimensions (AOPDDRs-2D) (see IEC 61496-3);
 - AOPDs responsive to diffuse reflection that have one or more detection zone(s) specified in three dimensions (AOPDDRs-3D) (see IEC 61496-3);
 - vision based protective devices using reference pattern techniques (VBPDP) (see IEC/TS 61496-4-2);
 - vision based protective devices using stereo vision techniques (VBPDS) (see IEC/TS 61496-4-3);
- b) pressure-sensitive mats and pressure-sensitive floors (see ISO 13856-1);
- c) two-hand control devices (see ISO 13851);

- d) single control devices;
- e) interlocking guards (see ISO 14120).

This document is not applicable to:

- safeguards (e.g. pendant two-hand control devices) that can be manually moved, without using tools, nearer to the hazard zone than the separation distance;
- protection against the risks from hazards arising from emissions (e.g. the ejection of solid or fluid materials, radiation, electric arcs, heat, noise, fumes, gases);
- protection against the risks arising from failure of mechanical parts of the machine or gravity falls.

The separation distances derived from this document do not apply to safeguards used solely for presence sensing function.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 12100:2010, *Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction*

ISO 13857:2019, *Safety of machinery — Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs*

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12100 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 Terms and definitions

3.1.1

overall system response time

DEPRECATED: overall system stopping performance

T
time interval between the actuation of the sensing function and achieving the intended risk reduction

Note 1 to entry: This time typically includes tolerance factors (e.g. due to uncertainty of measurements, consideration of environmental factor such as friction).

3.1.2

response time

t_x
maximum time between the occurrence of the event leading to the actuation of the safeguarding device and the achieving of its intended state

Note 1 to entry: This time typically includes tolerance factors (e.g. due to uncertainty of measurements, consideration of environmental factor such as friction).

[SOURCE: IEC 61496-1:2020, 3.21, modified — The wording “output signal switching devices OSSD achieving the OFF state” has been replaced by “achieving of its intended state”. The wording “sensing” has been