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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (EN 745:1999+A1:2009), which has been technically revised.

The following major changes were introduced:

— requirements related to the scope and an enlargement to include rotary disc mowers, rotary drum mowers and flail mowers with a horizontal axis;
— requirements related to the protection against inadvertent contact with the cutting elements, with new and additional test criteria;
— requirements related to thrown object tests, with inclusion of two new parts to a revised standard (ISO 17101), have been introduced with increased criteria for rotary and flail mower machines.

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Annex ZA
(informative)

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Once this standard is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Directive and has been implemented as a national standard in at least one Member State, compliance with the normative clauses of this standard confers, within the limits of the scope of this standard, a presumption of conformity with the relevant Essential Requirements, except Essential Requirement(s) for all machines: 1.1.7, 1.2.1, 1.3.2, 1.3.8.1, 1.4.2.1 (2nd paragraph), 1.7.4.2 u), 3.3.1, and additionally for self-propelled machines: 1.1.4, 1.1.8, 1.5.5, 1.5.9, 3.3.2, 3.3.3, 3.4.3, 3.6.3.1 of that Directive and associated EFTA regulations.

WARNING Other requirements and other EU Directives may be applicable to the product(s) falling within the scope of this standard.
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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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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

The following part is under preparation:
— Part 14: Mounted, semi-mounted and trailed bale wrappers

Part 2, Anhydrous ammonia applicators, has been withdrawn; Part 3, Tractors, has been cancelled and is replaced by ISO 26322 (all parts), Tractors for agriculture and forestry — Safety; and Part 4, Forestry winches, has been cancelled and replaced by ISO 19472, Machinery for forestry — Winches — Dimensions, performance and safety.

1) For the purposes of global relevance, the requirements related to the guarding of moving parts for power transmission have been transferred and published as two separate Technical Specifications: ISO/TS 28923:2007 (Guard opening with tool) and ISO/TS 28924:2007 (Guard opening without tool).

2) To be published.

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Introduction

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

a) Type-A standards (basic standards) giving basic concepts, principles for design, and general aspects that can be applied to machinery.

b) Type-B standards (generic safety standards) dealing with one or more safety aspect(s) or one or more type(s) of safeguards 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 controls, interlocking devices, pressure sensitive devices, guards);

c) Type-C standards (machinery safety standards) dealing with detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines.

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 part of ISO 4254. These hazards are specific to rotary disc mowers, rotary drum mowers, as used for forage crop harvesting in agriculture only, and flail mowers with horizontal axis for agriculture only, that are mounted, semi-mounted, trailed or self-propelled.

Significant hazards that are common to all the agricultural machines (self-propelled ride-on, mounted, semi-mounted and trailed) are dealt with in ISO 4254-1.

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 provisions of this type-C standard.
Agricultural machinery — Safety —

Part 12:
Rotary disc and drum mowers and flail mowers

1 Scope

This part of ISO 4254, where used with ISO 4254-1, specifies the safety requirements and their verification for the design and construction of rotary disc mowers, rotary drum mowers, as used for forage crop harvesting in agriculture only, and flail mowers with a horizontal axis for use in agriculture only, that are mounted, semi-mounted, trailed or self-propelled. It describes methods for the elimination or reduction of hazards arising from the intended use and reasonably foreseeable misuse of these machines by one person (the operator) in the course of normal operation and service. In addition, it specifies the type of information on safe working practices to be provided by the manufacturer.

Flail mowers with a horizontal axis that can be opened at the rear only for maintenance reasons are included.

This part of ISO 4254 is also applicable to mowers equipped with a conditioning device.

This part of ISO 4254 is applicable only to mowers intended to work at ground level, examples of which are given in A.1.

When requirements of this part of ISO 4254 are different from those which are stated in ISO 4254-1, the requirements of this part of ISO 4254 take precedence over the requirements of ISO 4254-1 for machines that have been designed and built according to the requirements of this part of ISO 4254.

This part of ISO 4254, taken together with ISO 4254-1, deals with all the significant hazards (as listed in Table 1), hazardous situations and events (with the exception of noise and vibrations) relevant to rotary disc mowers, rotary drum mowers and flail mowers, when they are used as intended and under the conditions of misuse that are reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer (see Clause 4).

It is not applicable to (see examples in A.2)

— flail mowers that have the rear part which can be opened for particular field use operations,
— mowers with an articulated arm,
— mowers with one or more vertical axes designed for mulching,
— pedestrian-controlled motor mowers,
— lawn mowers,
— inter-row mowing units, or
— machines specifically designed for highway and road maintenance.

This part of ISO 4254 does not deal with environmental hazards, road safety and hazards related to moving parts for power transmission. It does not deal with hazards related to maintenance or repairs to be carried out by professional service personnel.