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## INTRODUCTION

Safety instrumented systems (SISs) have been used for many years to perform safety instrumented functions (SIFs) in the process industries. If instrumentation is to be effectively used for SIFs, it is essential that this instrumentation achieves certain minimum standards.

The IEC 61511 series addresses the application of SISs for the process industries. It also deals with the interface between SISs and other safety systems in requiring that a process H&RA be carried out. The SIS includes sensors, logic solvers and final elements.

The IEC 61511 series has two concepts, which are fundamental to its application; SIS safety life-cycle and the safety integrity level (SIL). The SIS safety life-cycle forms the central framework which links together most of the concepts in this International Standard.

The SIS logic solvers addressed include Electrical (E)/Electronic (E)/ and Programmable Electronic (PE) technology. Where other technologies are used for logic solvers, the basic principles of this standard can be applied to ensure the functional safety requirements were met. The IEC 61511 series also addresses the SIS sensors and final elements regardless of the technology used. The IEC 61511 series has been developed as a process sector implementation of the IEC 61508 series. The IEC 61511 series is process industry specific within the framework of the IEC 61508 series.

The IEC 61511 series sets out an approach for SIS safety life-cycle activities to achieve these minimum standards. This approach has been adopted in order that a rational and consistent technical policy is used. The objective of this part of IEC 61511 is to provide guidance on how to comply with IEC 61511-1:2016.

To facilitate use of IEC 61511-1:2016, the clause numbers provided in Annex A (informative) are identical to the corresponding normative text in IEC 61511-1:2016 except for the "A" notation.

In most situations, safety is best achieved by an inherently safe process design whenever practicable, combined, if necessary, with a number of protective systems which rely on different technologies (e.g., chemical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, electrical, electronic, thermodynamic (e.g., flame arrestors), programmable electronic) which manage any residual identified risk. Any safety strategy considers each individual SIS in the context of the other protective systems. To facilitate this approach, IEC 61511-1:2016:

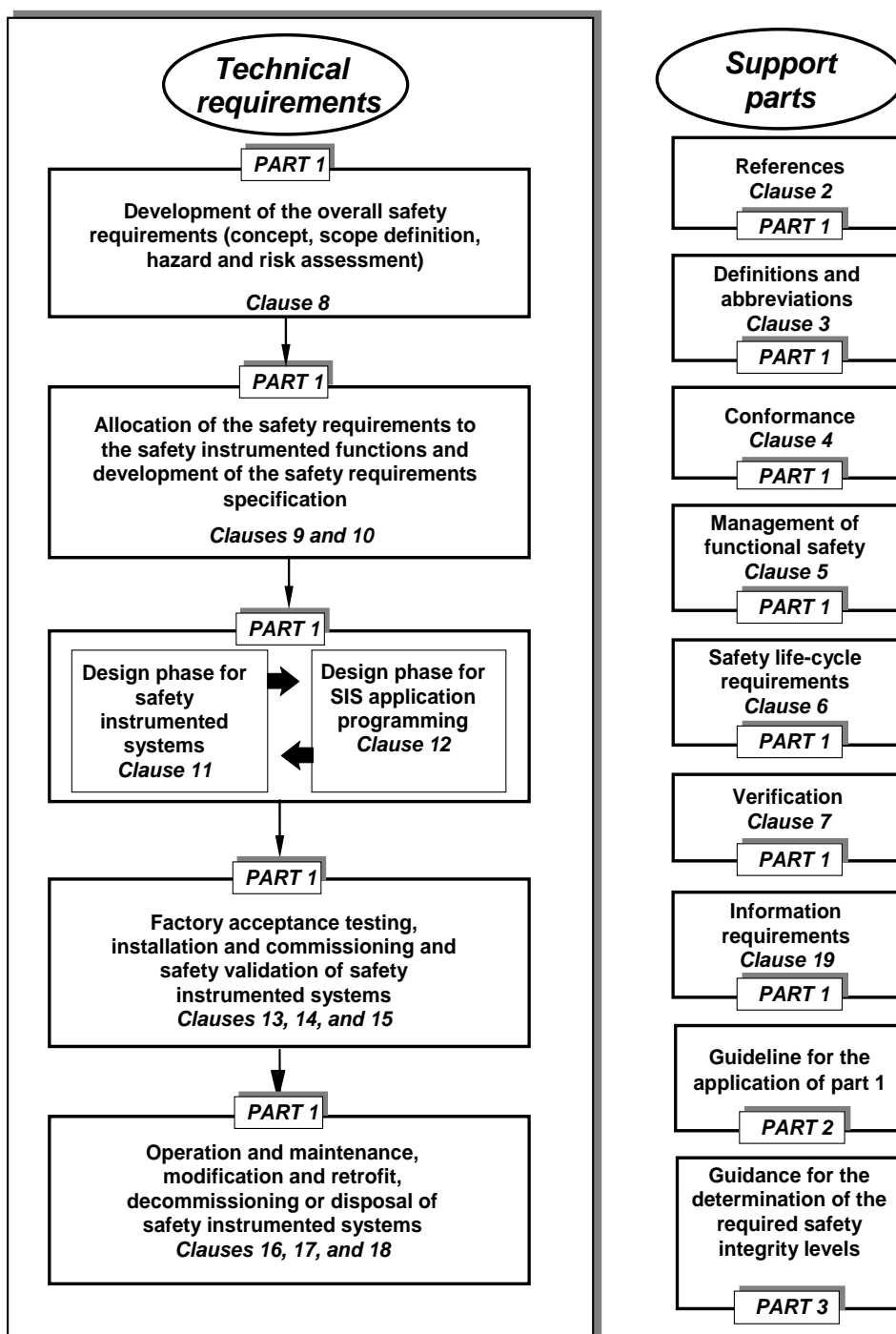
- requires that a H&RA is carried out to identify the overall safety requirements;
- requires that an allocation of the safety requirements to the safety functions and related safety systems, such as the SIS(s), is carried out;
- works within a framework which is applicable to all instrumented methods of achieving functional safety;
- details the use of certain activities, such as safety management, which may be applicable to all methods of achieving functional safety.
- addresses relevant SIS safety life-cycle stages from initial concept, through design, implementation, operation and maintenance and decommissioning;
- enables existing or new country specific process industry standards to be harmonized with this standard.

The IEC 61511 series is intended to lead to a high level of consistency (e.g., of underlying principles, terminology, information) within the process industries. This should have both safety and economic benefits.

Figure 1 below shows the overall framework of the IEC 61511 series.



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Figure 1 – Overall framework of IEC 61511 series

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# FUNCTIONAL SAFETY – SAFETY INSTRUMENTED SYSTEMS FOR THE PROCESS INDUSTRY SECTOR –

## Part 2: Guidelines for the application of IEC 61511-1:2016

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61511 provides guidance on the specification, design, installation, operation and maintenance of SIFs and related SIS as defined in IEC 61511-1:2016.

NOTE 1 Annex A (informative) has been organized so that each clause and subclause number therein addresses the corresponding clause and subclause number in IEC 61511-1:2016 except for being preceded by "A".

NOTE 2 Annex A now contains material previously in the body of the first edition. These changes are required for compliance with IEC rules which prohibit a standard being wholly informative.

NOTE 3 To achieve maximum use of this guideline;

- review the section guidance as well as the specific clause guidance. (e.g., when looking for guidance on 5.2.6.1.3, consider guidance in 5.2.6);
- when specific clause guidance is not provided (e.g.; no further guidance provided), consider reviewing the section guidance as well, as it can be applicable).

NOTE 4 Examples given in the Annexes of this Standard are intended only as case specific examples of implementing IEC 61511 requirements in a specific instance, and the user should satisfy themselves that the chosen methods and techniques are appropriate to their situation.

### 2 Normative references

The following 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.

IEC 61511-1:2016, *Functional safety – Safety instrumented systems for the process industry sector – Part 1: Framework, definitions, system, hardware and application programming requirements*

### 3 Terms, definitions, and abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the terms, definitions, and abbreviations given in IEC 61511-1:–, Clause 3 apply.