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This document supersedes EN 349:1993+A1:2008.

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Annex ZA (informative)

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This European Standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardization request „M/396 Mandate to CEN and CENELEC for Standardisation in the field of machinery“ to provide one voluntary means of conforming to essential requirements of Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 on machinery, and amending Directive 95/16/EC (recast).

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

Essential Requirement of Directive	Clause(s)/ subclause(s) of this EN	Remarks/ Notes
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4.1.2.7, second paragraph	4.1	
4.1.2.8.3, second paragraph	4.1	

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Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 199, *Safety of machinery*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 13854:1996), of which it constitutes a minor revision.

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Introduction

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

- a) Type-A standards (basis standards) give basic concepts, principles for design and general aspects that can be applied to machinery.
- b) Type-B standards (generic safety standards) deal 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) deal with detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines.

ISO 13854 is a type-B-1 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 organizations, market surveillance, etc.).

Others can be affected by the level of machinery safety achieved with the means of the document by the abovementioned 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 abovementioned stakeholder groups have been given the possibility to participate at 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 standard, the requirements of that type-C standard take precedence.

According to ISO 12100, in general, machinery is said to be safe if it can perform its function, be transported, installed, adjusted, maintained, dismantled and disposed of under the conditions of its intended use without causing injury or damaging health.

One method of avoiding the hazard of crushing of parts of the human body is to make use of the minimum gaps of this document.

In specifying minimum gaps, a number of aspects have to be taken into consideration, such as

- accessibility of the crushing zones,
- anthropometric data, taking into account ethnic groups likely to be found in the countries concerned, and

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— technical and practical aspects.

If these aspects are further developed, the current state of the art, reflected in this document, can be improved.

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Safety of machinery — Minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body

1 Scope

This document enables the user (e.g. standard makers, designers of machinery) to avoid hazards from crushing zones. It specifies minimum gaps relative to parts of the human body and is applicable when adequate safety can be achieved by this method.

This document is applicable to risks from crushing hazards only and is not applicable to other possible hazards, e.g. impact, shearing, drawing-in.

NOTE For impact, shearing, drawing-in hazards, additional or other measures are to be taken.

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 12100, ISO 13857 and the following apply.

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

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

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crushing zone

zone in which the human body or parts of the human body are exposed to a crushing hazard

Note 1 to entry: This hazard will be generated if

- two movable parts are moving towards one another, or
- one movable part is moving towards a fixed part.

See also [Annex A](#).

4 Minimum gaps

4.1 Methodology for the use of this document

The method of using this document shall form part of the iterative safety strategy outlined in ISO 12100:2010, Clause 4.