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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
Essential Requirement 1.2.1	4.1 and 4.2	None
Essential Requirement 1.2.2	7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6 and 7.7	None
Essential Requirement 1.2.3	5.1 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5 and 5.8.	None
Essential Requirement 1.2.4	6.2	None

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WARNING 2 — Other Union legislation may be applicable to the products falling within the scope of this standard.

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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 (see www.iso.org/directives).

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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 13851:2002), which has been technically revised.

The main change compared to the previous edition is the adaptation of the safety-related parts of the control system from the categories to the Performance Level (PL) (according to ISO 13849-1) or SIL with the allocated HTF (according to IEC 62061).

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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 or more type(s) 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 controls, 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-B2 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 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 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 that are covered by the scope of a type-C standard and have been designed and built according to the requirements of that standard, the requirements of that type-C standard take precedence.

A two-hand control device (THCD) is a protective device. It provides protection for the operator against reaching danger zones during hazardous situations by locating the control actuating devices in a specific position and distance from the danger zone(s).

The selection of a THCD as an appropriate safety device depends upon the risk assessment made by designers, standard makers and others in accordance with ISO 12100.

The definition of a THCD is given in [3.1](#) and takes precedence over the definition given in ISO 12100.

In some arrangements, enabling devices (see ISO 12100) and/or hold-to-run devices (see ISO 12100) may comply with the definition of a THCD in this document. Additionally, some special control devices — such as some crane controls — require the use of two hands and can comply with the definition of a THCD in this document.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the safety requirements of a two-hand control device (THCD) and the dependency of the output signal from the actuation by hand of the control actuating devices.

This document describes the main characteristics of THCDs for the achievement of safety and sets out combinations of functional characteristics for three types. It does not apply to devices intended to be used as enabling devices, as hold-to-run devices or as special control devices.

This document does not specify with which machines THCDs shall be used. It also does not specify which types of two-hand-control device shall be used for a specific application. Moreover, while guidance is given, it does not specify the required distance between the THCD and the danger zone (see [8.8](#)).

This document provides requirements for design and guidance on the selection (based on a risk assessment) of THCDs including the prevention of defeat, the avoidance of faults and verification of compliance.

NOTE 1 A THCD only offers protection for the person using it.

NOTE 2 For specific machines, the suitability of a two-hand control as a suitable protective device can be defined in a type-C standard. If such a standard does not exist or is not appropriate, the risk assessment and determination of suitable protective measures is the responsibility of the manufacturer of the machine.

This document applies to all THCDs, independent of the energy used, including:

- THCDs which are fully assembled for installation;
- THCDs which are assembled by the machine manufacturer or integrator.

This document is not applicable to THCDs manufactured before the date of its publication.

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 13849-1:2015, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design*

ISO 13849-2:2012, *Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 2: Validation*

ISO 13855:2010, *Safety of machinery — Positioning of safeguards with respect to the approach speeds of parts of the human body*

IEC 62061:2005+AMD1:2012+AMD2:2015, *Safety of machinery — Functional safety of safety-related electrical, electronic and programmable electronic control systems*

3 Terms and definitions

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