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European foreword

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Annex ZA (informative)

Relationship between this European Standard and the essential requirements of Directive 2006/42/EC aimed to be covered

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).

Once this standard is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Directive, compliance with the normative clauses of this standard given in [Table ZA.1](#) confers, within the limits of the scope of this standard, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding essential requirements of that Directive, and associated EFTA regulations.

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
1.1.2. Principles of safety integration	-----	
1.1.2(a)	4	
1.1.2(c)	4	
1.1.2(d)		NOT COVERED
1.1.2(e)		NOT COVERED
1.1.3. Materials and products		NOT COVERED
1.1.4. Lighting		NOT COVERED
1.1.5. Design of machinery to facilitate its handling		NOT COVERED
1.1.6. Ergonomics	4.2.4	
1.1.7. Operating positions		NOT COVERED
1.1.8. Seating		NOT COVERED
1.2. CONTROL SYSTEMS	-----	
1.2.1. Safety and reliability of control systems	4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.5	
1.2.2. Control devices		NOT COVERED
1.2.3. Starting		NOT COVERED
1.2.4. Stopping		NOT COVERED
1.2.5. Selection of control or operating modes		NOT COVERED
1.2.6. Failure of the power supply	4.2.5	
1.3. PROTECTION AGAINST MECHANICAL HAZARDS	----	
1.3.1. Risk of loss of stability		NOT COVERED
1.3.2. Risk of break-up during operation		NOT COVERED

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The relevant Essential Requirements of Directive 2006/42/EC	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks/Notes
1.3.3. Risks due to falling or ejected objects		NOT COVERED
1.3.4. Risks due to surfaces, edges or angles		NOT COVERED
1.3.5. Risks related to combined machinery		NOT COVERED
1.3.6. Risks related to variations in operating conditions		NOT COVERED
1.3.7. Risks related to moving parts		NOT COVERED
1.3.8. Choice of protection against risks arising from moving parts		NOT COVERED
1.3.9. Risks of uncontrolled movements		NOT COVERED
1.4. REQUIRED CHARACTERISTICS OF GUARDS AND PROTECTIVE DEVICES	----	
1.4.1. General requirements		NOT COVERED
1.4.2. Special requirements for guards		NOT COVERED
1.4.3. Special requirements for protective devices		NOT COVERED
1.5. RISKS DUE TO OTHER HAZARDS	----	
1.5.1. Electricity supply		NOT COVERED
1.5.2. Static electricity		NOT COVERED
1.5.3. Energy supply other than electricity		NOT COVERED
1.5.4. Errors of fitting		NOT COVERED
1.5.5. Extreme temperatures		NOT COVERED
1.5.6. Fire		NOT COVERED
1.5.7. Explosion		NOT COVERED
1.5.8. Noise		NOT COVERED
1.5.9. Vibrations		NOT COVERED
1.5.10. Radiation		NOT COVERED
1.5.11. External radiation		NOT COVERED
1.5.12. Laser radiation		NOT COVERED
1.5.13. Emissions of hazardous materials and substances		NOT COVERED
1.5.14. Risk of being trapped in a machine		NOT COVERED
1.5.15. Risk of slipping, tripping or falling		NOT COVERED
1.5.16. Lightning		NOT COVERED
1.6. MAINTENANCE	-----	
1.6.1. Machinery maintenance		NOT COVERED
1.6.2. Access to operating positions and servicing points		NOT COVERED

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The relevant Essential Requirements of Directive 2006/42/EC	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks/Notes
1.6.3. Isolation of energy sources		NOT COVERED
1.6.4. Operator intervention		NOT COVERED
1.6.5. Cleaning of internal parts		NOT COVERED
1.7. INFORMATION	----	
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1.7.1.2. Warning devices		NOT COVERED
1.7.2. Warning of residual risks	4.2.4	
1.7.3. Marking of machinery		NOT COVERED
1.7.4. Instructions	4.4	
2.4. MACHINERY FOR PESTICIDE APPLICATION	----	
2.4.2. General		NOT COVERED
2.4.3. Controls and monitoring		NOT COVERED
2.4.4. Filling and emptying		NOT COVERED
2.4.5. Application of pesticides	----	
2.4.5.1. Application rate		NOT COVERED
2.4.5.2. Distribution, deposition and drift of pesticide		NOT COVERED
2.4.5.3. Tests		NOT COVERED
2.4.5.4. Losses during stoppage		NOT COVERED
2.4.6. Maintenance	----	
2.4.6.1. Cleaning		NOT COVERED
2.4.6.2. Servicing		NOT COVERED
2.4.7. Inspections		NOT COVERED
2.4.8. Marking of nozzles, strainers and filters		NOT COVERED
2.4.9. Indication of pesticide in use		NOT COVERED
2.4.10. Instructions		NOT COVERED
3.2 WORK POSITIONS	---	
3.2.1. Driving position		NOT COVERED
3.2.2. Seating		NOT COVERED
3.2.3. Positions for other persons		NOT COVERED
3.3 CONTROL SYSTEMS	---	
3.3.1. Control devices		NOT COVERED
3.3.2. Starting/moving		NOT COVERED
3.3.3. Travelling function		NOT COVERED
3.3.4. Movement of pedestrian-controlled machinery		NOT COVERED
3.3.5. Control circuit failure		NOT COVERED
3.4 PROTECTION AGAINST MECHANICAL HAZARDS	---	

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The relevant Essential Requirements of Directive 2006/42/EC	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks/Notes
3.4.1. Uncontrolled movements		NOT COVERED
3.4.2. Moving transmission parts		NOT COVERED
3.4.3. Roll-over and tip-over		NOT COVERED
3.4.4. Falling objects		NOT COVERED
3.4.5. Means of access		NOT COVERED
3.4.6. Towing devices		NOT COVERED
3.4.7. Transmission of power between self-propelled machinery (or tractor) and recipient machinery		NOT COVERED
3.5 PROTECTION AGAINST OTHER HAZARDS	----	
3.5.1. Batteries		NOT COVERED
3.5.2. Fire		NOT COVERED
3.5.3. Emissions of hazardous substances		NOT COVERED
3.6 INFORMATION AND INDICATIONS	----	
3.6.1. Signs, signals and warnings		NOT COVERED
3.6.2. Marking		NOT COVERED
3.6.3. Instructions	----	
3.6.3.1. Vibrations		NOT COVERED
3.6.3.2. Multiple uses		NOT COVERED

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

Column 1 Reference in Clause 2	Column 2 International Standard Edition	Column 3 Title	Column 4 Corresponding European Standard Edition
ISO 3767-1:2016	ISO 3767-1:2016 ISO 3767-1:2016/A1:2020	Tractors, machinery for agriculture and forestry, powered lawn and garden equipment — Symbols for operator controls and other displays — Part 1: Common symbols	None For applicable standard edition see Column 2
ISO 3767-2:2016	ISO 3767-2:2016 ISO 3767-2:2016/A1:2020	Tractors, machinery for agriculture and forestry, powered lawn and garden equipment — Symbols for operator controls and other displays — Part 2: Symbols for agricultural tractors and machinery	None For applicable standard edition see Column 2
ISO 12100:2010	ISO 12100:2010	Safety of machinery — General principles for design — Risk assessment and risk reduction	EN ISO 12100:2010

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Column 1 Reference in Clause 2	Column 2 International Standard Edition	Column 3 Title	Column 4 Corresponding European Standard Edition
ISO 13849-1:2023	ISO 13849-1:2023	Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design	EN ISO 13849-1:2023
ISO 13849-2:2012	ISO 13849-2:2012	Safety of machinery — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 2: Validation	EN ISO 13849-2:2012
ISO 18497-1:2024	ISO 18497-1:2024	Agricultural machinery and tractors — Safety of partially automated, semi-autonomous and autonomous machinery — Part 1: Machine design principles and vocabulary	EN ISO 18497-1:2024
ISO 18497-2:2024	ISO 18497-2:2024	Agricultural machinery and tractors — Safety of partially automated, semi-autonomous and autonomous machinery — Part 2: Design principles for obstacle protective systems	EN ISO 18497-2:2024
ISO 18497-4:2024	ISO 18497-4:2024	Agricultural machinery and tractors — Safety of partially automated, semi-autonomous and autonomous machinery — Part 4: Verification methods and validation principles	EN ISO 18497-4:2024
ISO 25119-1:2018	ISO 25119-1:2018 ISO 25119-1:2018/A1:2020	Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 1: General principles for design and development	EN ISO 25119-1:2023 EN ISO 25119-1:2023/A1:2023
ISO 25119-2:2019	ISO 25119-2:2019	Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 2: Concept phase	EN ISO 25119-2:2023
ISO 25119-3:2018	ISO 25119-3:2018 ISO 25119-3:2018/A1:2020	Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 3: Series development, hardware and software	EN ISO 25119-3:2023 EN ISO 25119-3:2023/A1:2023
ISO 25119-4:2018	ISO 25119-4:2018 ISO 25119-4:2018/A1:2020	Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Safety-related parts of control systems — Part 4: Production, operation, modification and supporting processes	EN ISO 25119-4:2023 EN ISO 25119-4:2023/A1:2023

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The main changes are as follows:

- autonomous operating zones were defined and were made its own part (i.e. [ISO 18497-3](#)), accounting for the wide range of functionality and use cases within agricultural machines and tractors.

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Introduction

This document is a type-B1 standard as stated in [ISO 12100:2010](#).

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, 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 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.

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

- Type-A standards (basis standards) give basic concepts, principles for design, and general aspects that can be applied to machinery;
- Type-B standards (generic safety standards) deal with one or more safety aspects or one or more types 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-hands controls, interlocking devices, pressure sensitive devices, guards);
- Type-C standards (machinery safety standards) deal with detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines.

The purpose of the [ISO 18497 series](#) is to establish general design principles for partially automated, semi-autonomous and autonomous (see [ISO 18497-1:2024](#), Clause 3) functions of agricultural machinery and tractors.

Manual non-automated functions are addressed in existing agricultural machinery and tractor safety standards. Due to the potential number of different functions of agricultural machinery and tractors and the mixed type and mode to which these functions can exist, it is necessary to establish general design principles. In this way, the combination, operator location, and types of interaction of these functions can be guided so that further type-C safety standards can be developed consistently and explicitly to address the mitigation of risk of injury to operators and bystanders. This is the primary focus of safety standards. Attempting to specify risk mitigation requirements based on combinations of

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type and mode of functions alone cannot be accomplished accurately for all agricultural machinery and tractors due to the wide variety of the machinery and variety of functionality.

Therefore, the familiar representation of [SAE J3016^{\[4\]}](#) with six levels of automation was deliberately not chosen as a basis for the [ISO 18497 series](#) and it is necessary to develop more specific type-C safety standards, using the general design principles of this document, to adequately account for the risks of agricultural machinery and tractors used in a specified way with various types of partially automated, semi-autonomous and autonomous functions.

When the requirements of the [ISO 18497 series](#) for partially automated, semi-autonomous and autonomous functions of agricultural machinery and tractors are different from those which are stated in a machine-specific type-C standard dealing with partially automated, semi-autonomous and autonomous functions of agricultural machinery and tractors, the requirements of the machine-specific standard take precedence over the requirements of the [ISO 18497 series](#).

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Agricultural machinery and tractors — Safety of partially automated, semi-autonomous and autonomous machinery —

Part 3: Autonomous operating zones

1 Scope

This document specifies principles for the design of agricultural machinery and tractors utilizing systems (perception, supervisory or other) to prevent unintended excursions beyond the boundary of the autonomous operating zone which are used in agricultural applications and that have partially automated, semi-autonomous and autonomous functions. Additionally, it provides guidance on the type of information to be provided by the manufacturer on safe working practices (including information about residual risks).

The autonomous operating zone itself is not within the scope of this document. The autonomous operating zone can include, for example, considerations for the autonomous operating zone location, physical or virtual boundaries, physical boundary types (natural or man-made) and the associated risks with the systems (perception, supervisory or other) to prevent unintended excursions beyond the boundary of the autonomous operating zone design.

The purpose of this document is to assist in the provision of more specific safety requirements, means of verification and information for use to ensure an appropriate level of safety for agricultural machinery and tractors with partially automated, semi-autonomous and autonomous functions used in a specified way.

This document deals with the significant hazards relevant to agricultural machinery and tractors with partially automated, semi-autonomous and autonomous functions when used as intended and under the conditions of misuse reasonably foreseeable by the manufacturer during normal operation and service.

Applicability of the design principles and any additional detailed requirements for design, verification, validation or information for use are outside the scope of this document. When risk assessment concludes that hazards are not significant hazards, the principles of this document do not apply.

NOTE Safety requirements for specific non-automated functions of agricultural machinery and tractors can be available in machine-specific type-C standards.

This document is not applicable to:

- forestry applications;
- operations on public roads including relevant requirements for braking and steering systems.

This document is not applicable to agricultural machinery and tractors which are manufactured before the date of its publication, or to systems applied to agricultural machinery and tractors put into use before the date of its publication.

2 Normative references

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[ISO 3767-1:2016](#), *Tractors, machinery for agriculture and forestry, powered lawn and garden equipment — Symbols for operator controls and other displays — Part 1: Common symbols*

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