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## Foreword

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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-B standard as stated in ISO 12100-1.

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 type-C standard, the following applies: if the requirements of that type-C standard deviate from the requirements in type-B standards, the requirements of that type-C standard take precedence over the provisions of other standards.

The effectiveness of certain types of safeguard described in this International Standard to minimize risk relies, in part, on the relevant parts of that equipment being correctly positioned in relation to the hazard zone. In deciding on these positions, a number of aspects are taken into account, such as:

- the necessity of a risk assessment according to ISO 14121-1;
- the practical experience in the use of the machine;
- the overall system stopping performance;
- the time taken to ensure the safe condition of the machine following operation of the safeguard, for example to stop the machine;
- the bio-mechanical and anthropometric data;
- any intrusion by a part of the body towards the hazard zone until the protective device is actuated;
- the path taken by the body part when moving from the detection zone towards the hazard zone;
- the possible presence of a person between the safeguard and the hazard zone;
- the possibility of undetected access to the hazard zone.