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Foreword

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International Standard ISO 14118 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 199, *Safety of machinery*.

ISO 14118 has been prepared to be a harmonized standard in the sense of the Machinery Directive of the European Union and associated regulations of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). It is in relationship with, in particular, the essential safety requirements expressed in subclauses 1.2.3, 1.2.6, 1.2.7, 1.6.3 and 1.6.4 of annex A of ISO/TR 12100-2:1992.

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Introduction

Keeping a machine in a stopped condition while persons are present in danger zones is one of the most important conditions of the safe use of machinery and hence one of the major aims of the machine designer and machine user.

In the past, the concepts of "operating machine" and "stopped machine" were generally unambiguous; a machine was:

- operating when its movable elements, or some of them, were moving;
- stopped when its movable elements were at rest.

Machine automation has made the relationship between "operating" and "moving" on the one hand and "stopped" and "at rest" on the other hand, more difficult to define. Automation has also increased the potential for unexpected start-up, and a significant number of accidents have occurred where machines, stopped for diagnostic work or corrective actions, started up unexpectedly.

Hazards other than mechanical hazards generated by movable elements (e.g. from a laser beam) also need to be taken into account.

The risk assessment relating to the presence of persons in a danger zone of a stopped machine needs to take into account the probability of an unexpected start-up of the hazard-generating elements.

This International Standard provides machine designers and machinery safety standard technical committees with a survey of built-in measures which can be used to prevent unexpected start-up.