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Foreword

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Introduction

Systems consisting of electrical and/or electronic components have been used for many years to perform safety functions in most application sectors. Computer-based systems, generically referred to as programmable electronic systems (PES), are at present being used in all application sectors to perform non-safety-related and, increasingly, safety-related functions. If computer system technology is to be effectively and safely exploited, it is essential that those responsible for making decisions have sufficient guidance on the safety aspects on which to base these decisions.

This International Standard addresses systems comprising electrical and/or electronic and/or programmable electronic components [electrical/electronic/programmable electronic systems (E/E/PES)] used for functional safety in earth-moving machinery.

In most situations, safety is achieved by a number of protective systems which rely on many technologies (e.g. mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, electrical, electronic, programmable electronic). Any safety strategy must therefore consider not only all the elements within an individual system, such as sensors, controlling devices and actuators, but also all the safety-related systems. Therefore, while this International Standard is concerned with safety-related E/E/PES, it could also provide guidance for safety-related systems based on other technologies.

This International Standard

— has been conceived with a rapidly developing technology in mind, with a framework sufficiently robust and comprehensive to meet the demands of that technology,

— provides a method for the development of safety requirement specifications necessary to define the required functional safety for E/E/PES, and

— presents a methodology for specifying the target level of safety integrity for the safety functions to be implemented by the E/E/PES, using a risk-based approach.