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Part 5: Particular requirements for radar-based protective devices

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This document is to be used in conjunction with IEC 61496-1:2020.

This document supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 61496-1:2020 to specify particular requirements for the design, construction and testing of electro-sensitive protective equipment (ESPE) for the safeguarding of machinery, employing radar protective devices (RPDs) responsive to diffuse reflection for the sensing function.

Where a particular clause or subclause of IEC 61496-1:2020 is not mentioned in this document, that clause or subclause applies as far as is reasonable. Where this document states "*Addition*", "*Modification*" or "*Replacement*", the relevant text of IEC 61496-1:2020 is adapted accordingly.

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INTRODUCTION

Electro-sensitive protective equipment (ESPE) is applied to machinery presenting a risk of personal injury. It provides protection by causing the machine to revert to a safe condition before a person can be placed in a hazardous situation.

Each type of machine presents its own particular hazards, and it is not the purpose of this document to recommend the manner of application of the ESPE to any particular machine. The application of the ESPE is a matter for agreement between the equipment supplier, the machine user and the enforcing authority. In this context, attention is drawn to the relevant guidance established internationally, for example, IEC 62046 and ISO 12100.

Due to the complexity of the technology, there are many issues that are highly dependent on analysis and expertise in specific test and measurement techniques. In order to provide a high level of confidence, independent review by relevant expertise is recommended.

Differences between worldwide frequency allocation can affect some tests due to national regulations.

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Part 5: Particular requirements for radar-based protective devices

1 Scope

Replacement:

This part of IEC 61496 provides particular requirements for the design, construction and testing of non-contact electro-sensitive protective equipment (ESPE) designed specifically to provide whole-body detection of a person or persons as part of a safety-related system, employing radar protective devices (RPDs) responsive to diffuse reflection of radar signals for the sensing function using frequency-modulated continuous-wave (FMCW) technique. Special attention is directed to features which ensure that an appropriate safety-related performance is achieved. An ESPE can include optional safety-related functions, the requirements for which are given in Annex A of IEC 61496-1:2020 and Annex A of this document.

The requirements given in this document are related to the detection of adult persons being present in an industrial manufacturing environment.

This document does not specify the dimensions or configurations of the detection zone and its disposition in relation to hazardous parts for any particular application, nor what constitutes a hazardous state of any machine. It is restricted to the functioning of the ESPE and how it interfaces with the machine.

This document does not consider the aspects of a moving RPD application. Additional consideration can be necessary, if the RPD supplier specifies the RPD for use on moving application.

Additional requirements and tests can apply if setup of the RPD differs from Figure 2 and Figure 4.

NOTE The Radar cross-section stated in this document is based on measurements using horizontal arrangements.

Where this document does not contain all necessary provisions, IEC TS 62998-1 is used.

For those aspects not considered in this document it is also possible to additionally use provisions from IEC TS 62998-1.

Excluded from this document are RPDs that employ electromagnetic radiation outside the range 9 GHz to 81 GHz (identified as subset of band 10 and band 11 in accordance with ITU Radio Regulations). For sensing devices that employ electromagnetic radiation outside this range, this document can be used as a guide. National regulations can limit the available frequencies.

This document can be relevant to applications other than those for the protection of persons, for example for the protection of machinery or products from mechanical damage. In those applications, different requirements can be appropriate, for example when the materials to be recognized by the sensing function have different properties from those of persons.

This document does not deal with requirements for ESPE functions not related to the protection of persons (e.g. using sensing unit data for navigation).

While a data interface can be used to control optional safety-related ESPE functions (Annex A), this document does not provide specific requirements. Requirements for these safety-related functions can be determined by consulting other standards (for example, IEC 61508, IEC 62046, IEC 62061, and ISO 13849-1).

This document does not deal with EMC emission requirements.