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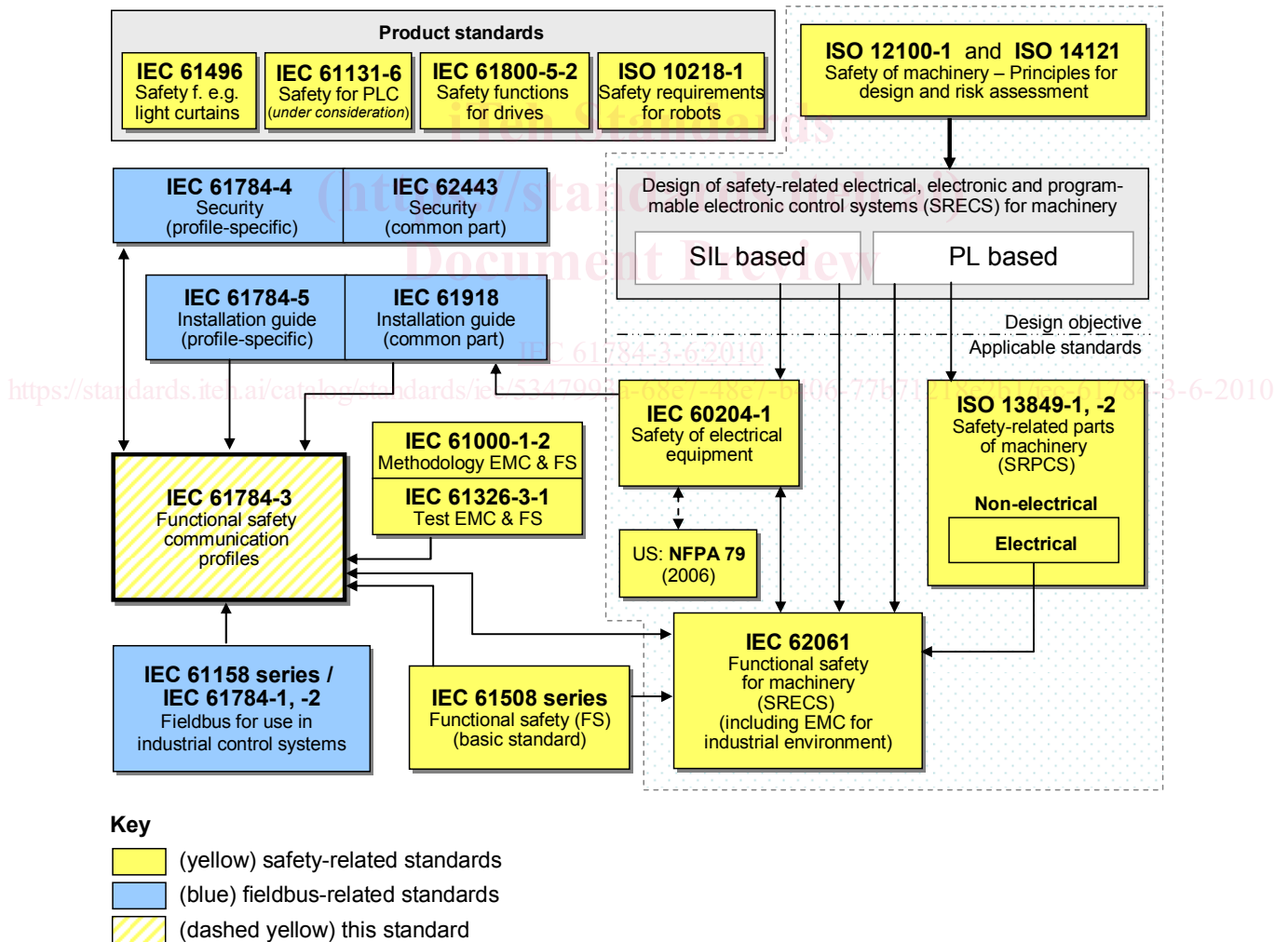
## 0 Introduction

### 0.1 General

The IEC 61158 fieldbus standard together with its companion standards IEC 61784-1 and IEC 61784-2 defines a set of communication protocols that enable distributed control of automation applications. Fieldbus technology is now considered well accepted and well proven. Thus many fieldbus enhancements are emerging, addressing not yet standardized areas such as real time, safety-related and security-related applications.

This standard explains the relevant principles for functional safety communications with reference to IEC 61508 series and specifies several safety communication layers (profiles and corresponding protocols) based on the communication profiles and protocol layers of IEC 61784-1, IEC 61784-2 and the IEC 61158 series. It does not cover electrical safety and intrinsic safety aspects.

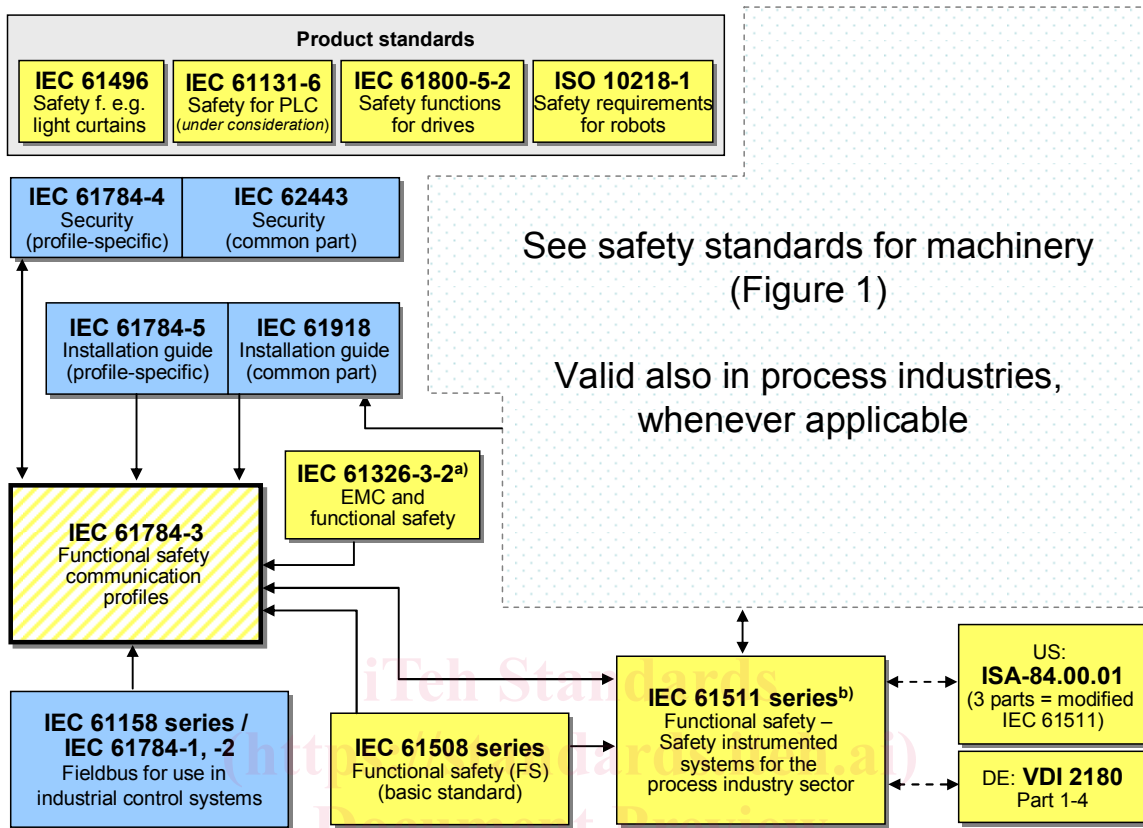
Figure 1 shows the relationships between this standard and relevant safety and fieldbus standards in a machinery environment.



NOTE Subclauses 6.7.6.4 (high complexity) and 6.7.8.1.6 (low complexity) of IEC 62061 specify the relationship between PL (Category) and SIL.

**Figure 1 – Relationships of IEC 61784-3 with other standards (machinery)**

Figure 2 shows the relationships between this standard and relevant safety and fieldbus standards in a process environment.



**Key**

- (yellow) safety-related standards
- (blue) fieldbus-related standards
- (dashed yellow) this standard

<sup>a</sup> For specified electromagnetic environments; otherwise IEC 61326-3-1.

<sup>b</sup> EN ratified.

**Figure 2 – Relationships of IEC 61784-3 with other standards (process)**

Safety communication layers which are implemented as parts of safety-related systems according to IEC 61508 series provide the necessary confidence in the transportation of messages (information) between two or more participants on a fieldbus in a safety-related system, or sufficient confidence of safe behaviour in the event of fieldbus errors or failures.

Safety communication layers specified in this standard do this in such a way that a fieldbus can be used for applications requiring functional safety up to the Safety Integrity Level (SIL) specified by its corresponding functional safety communication profile.

The resulting SIL claim of a system depends on the implementation of the selected functional safety communication profile within this system – implementation of a functional safety communication profile in a standard device is not sufficient to qualify it as a safety device.

This standard describes:

- basic principles for implementing the requirements of IEC 61508 series for safety-related data communications, including possible transmission faults, remedial measures and considerations affecting data integrity;
- individual description of functional safety profiles for several communication profile families in IEC 61784-1 and IEC 61784-2;
- safety layer extensions to the communication service and protocols sections of the IEC 61158 series.

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### Part 3-6: Functional safety fieldbuses – Additional specifications for CPF 6

#### 1 Scope

This part of the IEC 61784-3 series specifies a safety communication layer (services and protocol) based on CPF 6 of IEC 61784-1, IEC 61784-2 and IEC 61158 Type 8. It identifies the principles for functional safety communications defined in IEC 61784-3 that are relevant for this safety communication layer.

NOTE 1 It does not cover electrical safety and intrinsic safety aspects. Electrical safety relates to hazards such as electrical shock. Intrinsic safety relates to hazards associated with potentially explosive atmospheres.

This part<sup>1</sup> defines mechanisms for the transmission of safety-relevant messages among participants within a distributed network using fieldbus technology in accordance with the requirements of IEC 61508 series<sup>2</sup> for functional safety. These mechanisms may be used in various industrial applications such as process control, manufacturing automation and machinery.

This part provides guidelines for both developers and assessors of compliant devices and systems.

NOTE 2 The resulting SIL claim of a system depends on the implementation of the selected functional safety communication profile within this system – implementation of a functional safety communication profile according to this part in a standard device is not sufficient to qualify it as a safety device.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60204-1, *Safety of machinery – Electrical equipment of machines – Part 1: General requirements*

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