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FOREWORD

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The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
65A/368/FDIS	65A/372/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

The French version of this standard has not been voted upon.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

IEC 61511 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Functional safety: Safety instrumented systems for the process industry sector* (see Figure 1):

Part 1: Framework, definitions, system, hardware and software requirements

Part 2: Guidelines in the application of IEC 61511-1

Part 3: Guidance for the determination of the required safety integrity levels

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2007. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

The contents of the corrigendum of November 2004 have been included in this copy.

INTRODUCTION

Safety instrumented systems have been used for many years to perform safety instrumented functions in the process industries. If instrumentation is to be effectively used for safety instrumented functions, it is essential that this instrumentation achieves certain minimum standards and performance levels.

This standard addresses the application of safety instrumented systems for the process industries. It also requires a process hazard and risk assessment to be carried out to enable the specification for safety instrumented systems to be derived. Other safety systems are only considered so that their contribution can be taken into account when considering the performance requirements for the safety instrumented systems. The safety instrumented system includes all components and subsystems necessary to carry out the safety instrumented function from sensor(s) to final element(s).

This standard has two concepts which are fundamental to its application; safety lifecycle and safety integrity levels.

This standard addresses safety instrumented systems which are based on the use of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic technology. Where other technologies are used for logic solvers, the basic principles of this standard should be applied. This standard also addresses the safety instrumented system sensors and final elements regardless of the technology used. This standard is process industry specific within the framework of IEC 61508 (see Annex A).

This standard sets out an approach for safety life-cycle activities to achieve these minimum standards. This approach has been adopted in order that a rational and consistent technical policy is used.

In most situations, safety is best achieved by an inherently safe process design. If necessary, this may be combined with a protective system or systems to address any residual identified risk. Protective systems can rely on different technologies (chemical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic, electrical, electronic, programmable electronic). To facilitate this approach, this standard

- requires that a hazard and risk assessment is carried out to identify the overall safety requirements;
- requires that an allocation of the safety requirements to the safety instrumented system(s) is carried out;
- works within a framework which is applicable to all instrumented methods of achieving functional safety;
- details the use of certain activities, such as safety management, which may be applicable to all methods of achieving functional safety.

This standard on safety instrumented systems for the process industry

- addresses all safety life-cycle phases from initial concept, design, implementation, operation and maintenance through to decommissioning;
- enables existing or new country specific process industry standards to be harmonized with this standard.

This International Standard is intended to lead to a high level of consistency (for example, of underlying principles, terminology, information) within the process industries. This should have both safety and economic benefits.

In jurisdictions where the governing authorities (for example, national, federal, state, province, county, city) have established process safety design, process safety management, or other requirements, these take precedence over the requirements defined in this standard.

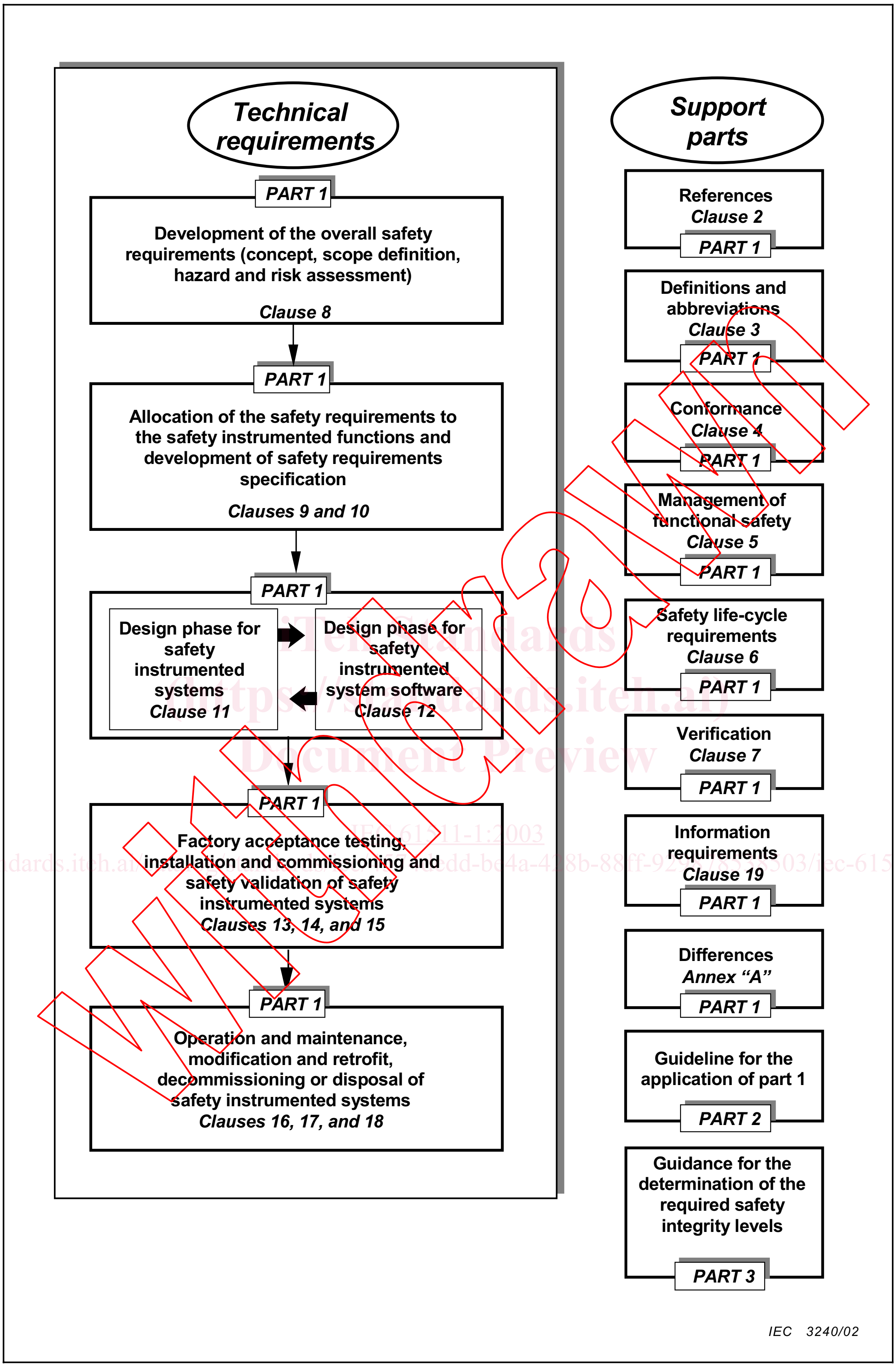
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Figure 1 – Overall framework of this standard

FUNCTIONAL SAFETY – SAFETY INSTRUMENTED SYSTEMS FOR THE PROCESS INDUSTRY SECTOR –

Part 1: Framework, definitions, system, hardware and software requirements

1 Scope

This International Standard gives requirements for the specification, design, installation, operation and maintenance of a safety instrumented system, so that it can be confidently entrusted to place and/or maintain the process in a safe state. This standard has been developed as a process sector implementation of IEC 61508.

In particular, this standard

a) specifies the requirements for achieving functional safety but does not specify who is responsible for implementing the requirements (for example, designers, suppliers, owner/operating company, contractor); this responsibility will be assigned to different parties according to safety planning and national regulations;

b) applies when equipment that meets the requirements of IEC 61508, or of 11.5 of IEC 61511-1, is integrated into an overall system that is to be used for a process sector application but does not apply to manufacturers wishing to claim that devices are suitable for use in safety instrumented systems for the process sector (see IEC 61508-2 and IEC 61508-3);

c) defines the relationship between IEC 61511 and IEC 61508 (Figures 2 and 3);

d) applies when application software is developed for systems having limited variability or fixed programmes but does not apply to manufacturers, safety instrumented systems designers, integrators and users that develop embedded software (system software) or use full variability languages (see IEC 61508-3);

e) applies to a wide variety of industries within the process sector including chemicals, oil refining, oil and gas production, pulp and paper, non-nuclear power generation;

NOTE Within the process sector some applications, (for example, off-shore), may have additional requirements that have to be satisfied.

f) outlines the relationship between safety instrumented functions and other functions (Figure 4);

g) results in the identification of the functional requirements and safety integrity requirements for the safety instrumented function(s) taking into account the risk reduction achieved by other means;

h) specifies requirements for system architecture and hardware configuration, application software, and system integration;

i) specifies requirements for application software for users and integrators of safety instrumented systems (clause 12). In particular, requirements for the following are specified:

- safety life-cycle phases and activities that are to be applied during the design and development of the application software (the software safety life-cycle model). These requirements include the application of measures and techniques, which are intended to avoid faults in the software and to control failures which may occur;
- information relating to the software safety validation to be passed to the organization carrying out the SIS integration;
- preparation of information and procedures concerning software needed by the user for the operation and maintenance of the SIS;
- procedures and specifications to be met by the organization carrying out modifications to safety software;

j) applies when functional safety is achieved using one or more safety instrumented functions for the protection of personnel, protection of the general public or protection of the environment;

k) may be applied in non-safety applications such as asset protection;

l) defines requirements for implementing safety instrumented functions as a part of the overall arrangements for achieving functional safety;

m) uses a safety life cycle (Figure 8) and defines a list of activities which are necessary to determine the functional requirements and the safety integrity requirements for the safety instrumented systems;

n) requires that a hazard and risk assessment is to be carried out to define the safety functional requirements and safety integrity levels of each safety instrumented function;

NOTE See Figure 9 for an overview of risk reduction methods.

o) establishes numerical targets for average probability of failure on demand and frequency of dangerous failures per hour for the safety integrity levels;

p) specifies minimum requirements for hardware fault tolerance;

q) specifies techniques/measures required for achieving the specified integrity levels;

r) defines a maximum level of performance (SIL 4) which can be achieved for a safety instrumented function implemented according to this standard;

s) defines a minimum level of performance (SIL 1) below which this standard does not apply;

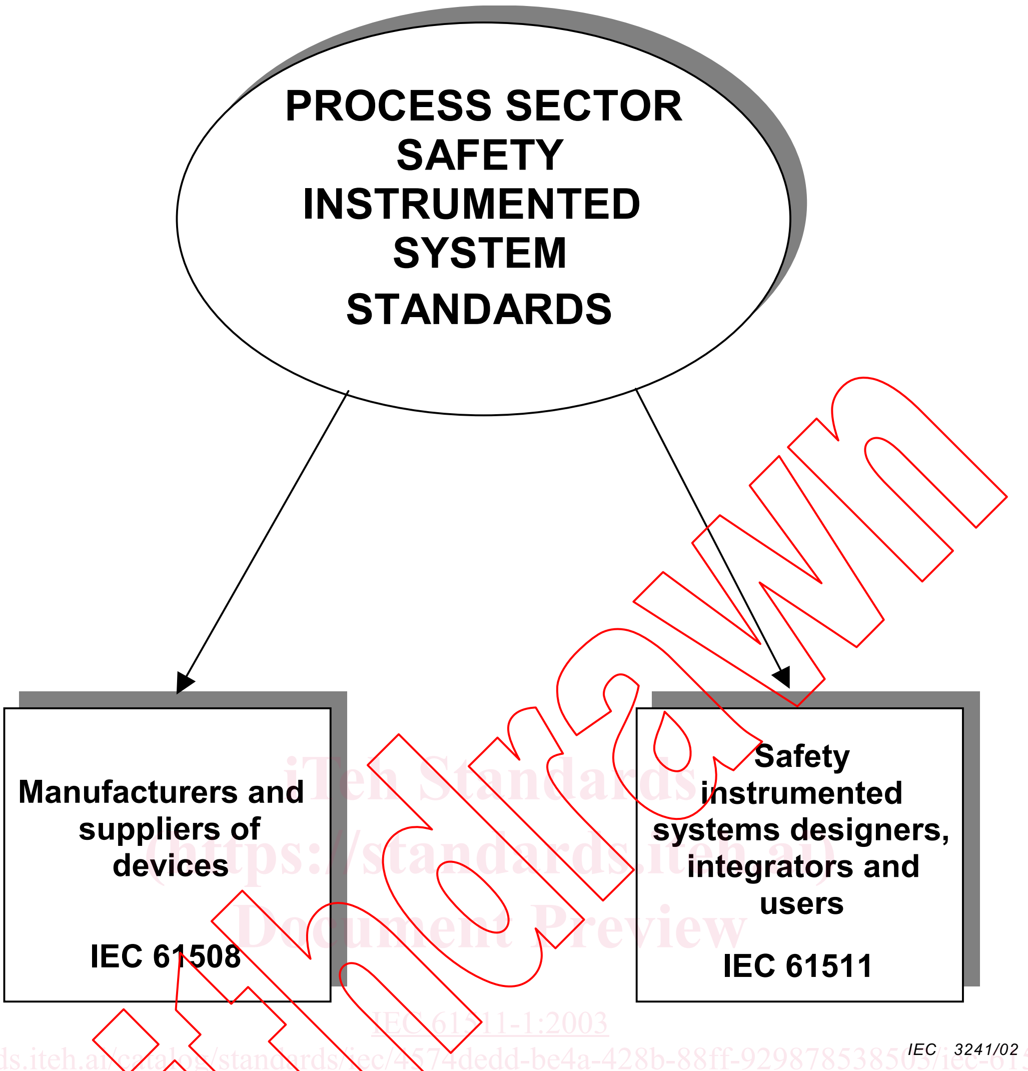
t) provides a framework for establishing safety integrity levels but does not specify the safety integrity levels required for specific applications (which should be established based on knowledge of the particular application);

u) specifies requirements for all parts of the safety instrumented system from sensor to final element(s);

v) defines the information that is needed during the safety life cycle;

w) requires that the design of a safety instrumented function takes into account human factors;

x) does not place any direct requirements on the individual operator or maintenance person.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IEC 61508
Safety instrumented systems designers, integrators and users
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Figure 2 – Relationship between IEC 61511 and IEC 61508