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Introduction

The Technical Specification CLC/TS 50418 has been prepared by CENELEC Technical Committee TC 44X: Safety of machinery – Electrotechnical aspects, in collaboration with IEC Technical Committee 44: Safety of machinery – Electrotechnical aspects.

This Technical Specification is to be read in conjunction with EN 61496-1 and supplements or modifies the corresponding clause in EN 61496-1.

Where a particular clause or subclause of EN 61496-1 is not mentioned in this Technical Specification, that clause or subclause applies. Where this Technical Specification states "addition", "modification" or "replacement", the relevant text of EN 61496-1 is to be adapted accordingly.

This document is being issued in the Technical Specification series of publications (according to the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations subclause 11.3) as a "prospective standard for provisional application" in the field of safety of machinery because there is an urgent need for guidance in this field. This document is not to be regarded as a "European Standard". It is proposed for provisional application so that information and experience of its use in practice may be gathered. Comments on the content of this document should be sent to the Secretary of CENELEC TC 44X.

A review of this Technical Specification will be carried out not later than 3 years after its publication with the options of

- extension for another 3 years
- conversion into a European Standard; or
- withdrawal.

An electro-sensitive protective equipment (ESPE) is applied to machinery that presents 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.

This Technical Specification provides general design and performance requirements of ESPEs for use over a broad range of applications. Essential features of equipment meeting the requirements of this Technical Specification are the safety-related performance provided and the built-in periodic functional checks/self-checks that are specified to ensure that this level of performance is maintained. It may be used as guidance in dedicated product standards for the safety of machinery.

This Technical Specification has been prepared as a specification of particular requirements for electro-sensitive protective equipment (ESPE) using PIPDs specifically related to machinery safety and has been developed to meet the needs of manufacturers, industrial users and safety enforcement authorities.

Each type of machine presents its own particular hazards and it is not the purpose of this Technical Specification to recommend the manner of application of the ESPE to any particular machine. The application of the ESPE should be 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 ISO 12100, IEC TS 62046.

Only PIPDs designed for safety-related applications should be used as protective equipment. PIPDs use a relatively new technology which is under consideration by TC44X for possible inclusion in EN 61496. Until a product standard for PIPDs is published, care should be taken in the selection and use of these devices. It is recommended to consult the PIPD manufacturer and other sources of information about their application.



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