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Foreword

This document (EN 12547:2014) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 313 "Centrifuges - Safety requirements", the secretariat of which is held by SIS.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by April 2015 and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by April 2015.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. CEN [and/or CENELEC] shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

This document supersedes EN 12547:1999+A1:2009.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive(s).

For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

The major changes are as follows:

The references in the standard have been updated, thermal hazards have been included, text regarding integrity of the safety related parts of the control system has been further elaborated, the order of the annexes has been changed and the list of hazards has been moved to the main body of the standard.

Annex B of this European Standard is normative, whereas Annex A, Annex C, Annex D and Annex ZA are informative.

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Introduction

This document is a type C standard as stated in EN ISO 12100:2010.

The machinery concerned and the extent to which hazards, hazardous situations and hazardous events are covered are indicated in the scope of this document.

When provisions of this type C standard are different from those which are stated in type A or B standards, the provisions of this type C standard take precedence over the provisions of the other standards, for machines that have been designed and built according to the provisions of this type C standard.

The extent to which significant hazards are covered is indicated in Clause 1. It is indicated in greater detail in Clause 4.

Manufacturers are required to collect, retain and make available sufficient information, to enable centrifuges to be installed, commissioned, used, maintained and disposed of safely, i.e. that information is made available to users of centrifuges.

Different applications and particular centrifuge designs exist. Annex A includes more details of both of these ranges.

1 Scope

1.1 This European Standard applies to centrifuges for the separation or change in concentration of mixtures of liquids and solids.

It gives requirements to minimize the risks caused by the significant hazards arising during the operation of centrifuges as specified in 1.2.

1.2 This European Standard gives requirements for minimizing the risks caused by the following hazards:

- mechanical hazards common to all types of centrifuges, except those specified in 1.3;
- ergonomical hazards;
- thermal hazards;
- electrical hazards;
- noise.

1.3 Types of centrifuges and hazards excluded

1.3.1 Types of centrifuges excluded:

- centrifuges with a kinetic energy of rotation less than 200 J;
- centrifuges for household use;
- centrifuges for laboratory use according to EN 61010-2-020;
- centrifuges for forming, i.e. centrifugal hot metal casting machines.

1.3.2 Hazards excluded

This European Standard does not deal explicitly with the hazards listed below.

NOTE 1 In cases, where such hazards might occur and could become relevant for the construction of the centrifuge, use specific standards for this hazard or make a risk assessment.

- hazards caused by overpressure or negative pressure inside the centrifuge housing;
- hazards specific to processing radioactive products;
- hazards specific to microbiological processing - including viral and parasitic hazards;
- hazards from processing corrosive and/or erosive materials;
- hazards from processes involving flammable or explosive substances;
- hazards caused by leakage of hazardous substances;
- hazards caused by unsuitable hygienic design for applications involving food products;
- inherent chemical hazards of process materials and/or service media and their biological effects on exposed persons;

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NOTE 2 Inherently hazardous substances include toxic, carcinogenic and flammable substances for example. Other substances may be hazardous because of their condition in the centrifuge, i.e. temperature, velocity and vapour pressure.

— hazards due to construction materials;

Materials used in the construction of centrifuges should not be hazardous in the condition in which they are used.

— centrifuges subject to application specific standards (e.g. EN 12505).

NOTE 3 The design of centrifuges covered by EN 12547 varies to the extent that additional hazards may exist that are not covered by the requirements of this standard and is not excluded above. The manufacturer is responsible for providing suitable measures to deal with these hazards as part of a general risk assessment for the machine. Such measures are outside the scope of this standard and the direct responsibility of the manufacturer.

1.3.3 This European Standard gives guidance on the selection of performance levels according to EN ISO 13849-1:2008, but does not identify performance levels for specific applications.

1.4 This European Standard is not applicable to centrifuges which are manufactured before the date of its publication as EN.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 349, *Safety of machinery — Minimum gaps to avoid crushing of parts of the human body*

EN 894-2:1997+A1:2008, *Safety of machinery — Ergonomics requirements for the design of displays and control actuators — Part 2: Displays*

EN 894-3:2000+A1:2008, *Safety of machinery — Ergonomics requirements for the design of displays and control actuators — Part 3: Control actuators*

EN 953:1997+A1:2009, *Safety of machinery — Guards — General requirements for the design and construction of fixed and movable guards*

EN 1005-2:2003+A1:2008, *Safety of machinery — Human physical performance — Part 2: Manual handling of machinery and component parts of machinery*

EN 1037:1995+A1:2008, *Safety of machinery — Prevention of unexpected start-up*

EN 60204-1:2006, *Safety of machinery — Electrical equipment of machines — Part 1: General requirements (IEC 60204-1:2005, modified)*

EN 60529:1991, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code) (IEC 60529:1989)*

EN 61000-6-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 6-2: Generic standards — Immunity for industrial environments (IEC 61000-6-2)*

EN 61000-6-4, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 6-4: Generic standards — Emission standard for industrial environments (IEC 61000-6-4)*

EN 61310-1:2008, *Safety of machinery — Indication, marking and actuation — Part 1: Requirements for visual, acoustic and tactile signals (IEC 61310-1:2007)*

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