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The objective of this document is to specify general requirements for the design, construction and testing of non-contact electro-sensitive protective equipment (ESPE) designed specifically to detect persons or part of a person as part of a safety-related system. Special attention is directed to functional and design requirements that ensure an appropriate safety-related performance is achieved. An ESPE can include optional safety-related functions, the requirements for which are given in Annex A.

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Part 1: General requirements and tests

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INTRODUCTION

An 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.

This document 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 document are the appropriate level of 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.

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, and in this context attention is drawn to the relevant guidance established internationally, for example ISO 12100.

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Part 1: General requirements and tests

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