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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61511 provides an overview of the other three parts of IEC 61511.

2 Normative references

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IEC 61511-1:2016, *Functional safety – Safety instrumented systems for the process industry sector – Part 1: Framework, definitions, system, hardware and application programming requirements*

IEC 61511-2:2016, *Functional safety – Safety instrumented systems for the process industry sector – Part 2: Guidelines for the application of IEC 61511-1:2016*

IEC 61511-3:2016, *Functional safety – Safety instrumented systems for the process industry sector – Part 3: Guidance for the determination of the required safety integrity levels*

3 Terms and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
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4 Process industry environment and the Safety Instrumented System (SIS)

4.1 General

There are many hazards in process industries that can lead to loss of containment, resulting in an impact on health, safety, environment and plant assets. Process safety is best achieved by using inherently safe processes. However, when this is not practical or possible, protective systems are required to mitigate the risk of hazards to an acceptable level. Functional requirements for these protective systems are determined from a Hazard and Risk Assessment (H&RA) and good engineering practices. Protective systems may be implemented using different technologies such as mechanical, chemical, pneumatic, hydraulic, electric, electronic or programmable electronic.