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

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INTRODUCTION

This International Technical Specification defines a procedure for verifying if a given Process Control System (PCS) satisfies the technical requirements specified by the end-user or by an engineering company for a specific application. The basic concept of this document is that "you can test what you have specified". A testing procedure is meaningless if it does not include a procedure for specifying the technical requirements to be tested.

This Technical Specification was developed in the framework of the existing standards that define the general concepts of PCS design and testing, that is:

IEC 61069 Industrial process measurement and control – Evaluation of system properties for the purpose of system assessment – Parts 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8

IEC 62381 Automation systems in the process industry – Factory acceptance test (FAT), site acceptance test (SAT), and site integration test (SIT)

The group of standards 61069 defines the general methodology, definitions, and procedures for assessing the functional characteristics of a PCS (Part 1 and 2) in terms of functionalities (Part 3), performances (Part 4), dependability (Part 5), operability (Part 6), safety (Part 7), and non-task-related properties (Part 8). IEC 62381 gives additional details about the general procedures for testing a PCS in factory, on site, and after the general integration of the complete system.

The IEC 62603 fully complies with these standards and gives a detailed guidance for specifying a PCS and for testing the specified functions. IEC 61069 and 62381 create a framework that is valid for any PCS as a system, while 62603, inside this framework, gives the users guidance for specifying the PCS he needs for carrying out the required functions.

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1 Scope

This International Technical Specification describes methods and provides guidance for the evaluation of Process Control Systems (PCS) during the phase of selection between different proposals.

The methods of evaluation proposed in this technical specification are intended for use mainly by users, engineering companies, or independent test laboratories, to verify manufacturers' proposals during the tender (as described in IEC 62603-1) or the provided Process Control System during the FAT procedure.

The specification and test procedures specified in this technical specification apply to a large variety of automation systems, both based on conventional technology (e.g. 4 mA to 20 mA field devices) and based on Intelligent Field Devices (IFD) with serial communication of any kind. For this reason, the tests specified in this technical specification are not necessarily sufficient for automation systems specifically designed for special duties. In such cases, user and manufacturer should define additional tests for assessing specific functions or performances.

The procedure for specifying the PCS technical requirements, evaluating the different offers, and carrying out the tests on the chosen PCS differs from one company to another and from one project to another, but some common steps exist, as Figure 1 shows. The IEC 62603 considers this process divided into two steps: definition of the PCS technical requirements (in the scope of IEC 62603-1) and test of the chosen PCS.