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INTRODUCTION

As a result of automation, demand for increased production and reduced operator physical effort, control systems of machinery and plant items play an increasing role in the achievement of overall safety. These control systems increasingly employ complex electrical/electronic/programmable electronic devices and systems.

Prominent amongst these devices and systems are *encoder* which are for example applied to measure angle and position of machine parts for use in safety-related applications (*Encoder(SR)*). Based on the *Encoder(SR)*'s output signals, *PDS(SR)* or other *evaluation units* calculate for example speed, acceleration, absolute position, etc., to perform their safety sub-functions SLS, SLA, SLP and others (see IEC 61800-5-2:2016, Clause 4). The *signal processing* necessary to perform some of these *safety sub-functions* may also be included in the *Encoder(SR)*.

Examples of industrial applications are:

- machine tools, robots, production test equipment, test benches;
- papermaking machines, textile production machines, calendars in the rubber industry;
- plastics processing lines, chemicals or metal production lines, rolling-mills;
- cement crushing machines, cement kilns, mixers, centrifuges, extrusion machines;
- drilling machines;
- conveyors, materials handling machines, hoisting equipment (cranes, gantries, etc.);
- pumps, fans, etc.

This document can also be used as a reference for developers using *Encoder(SR)* for other applications, for example in wind power plants.

Users of this document should be aware that some type C standards for machinery currently refer to ISO 13849-1 for safety-related control systems. In this case, *Encoder(SR)* manufacturers may be requested to provide further information (e.g. category and *performance level PL*) to facilitate the integration of an *Encoder(SR)* into the safety-related control systems of such machinery. This has been considered during development of this document and corresponding indications are included where appropriate.

NOTE "Type C standards" are defined in ISO 12100 [1] as machine safety standards dealing with detailed safety requirements for a particular machine or group of machines.

There are many situations where control systems that incorporate *Encoder(SR)* are employed, for example as part of safety measures that have been provided to achieve risk reduction. A typical case is reducing the speed during start-up in order to protect personnel from hazards arising by unexpected fast movements of machine parts. This document gives a methodology to identify the contribution made by an *Encoder(SR)* to identified safety *sub-functions* and to enable the appropriate design of the *Encoder(SR)* and verification that it achieves the required performance.

Measures are given to co-ordinate the safety performance of the *Encoder(SR)* with the intended risk reduction taking into account the probabilities and consequences of its random and systematic *faults*.

ADJUSTABLE SPEED ELECTRICAL POWER DRIVE SYSTEMS –

Part 5-3: Safety requirements – Functional, electrical and environmental requirements for encoders

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61800, which is a product standard, specifies requirements and makes recommendations for the design and development, integration and validation of safety-related *encoder* (*Encoder(SR)*) in terms of their *functional safety* considerations, electrical safety and environmental conditions. It applies to *Encoder(SR)*, being sensors as part of a *PDS(SR)*.

NOTE 1 The term "integration" refers to the *Encoder(SR)* itself, not to its incorporation into the safety-related application.

This document can also be referred to and used for *Encoder(SR)* in any other safety-related application, for example safety-related position monitoring.

NOTE 2 This document specifies only complementary *functional safety*, electrical safety and environmental condition requirements that are not clearly provided by other parts of the IEC 61800 series.

This document is applicable where *functional safety* of an *encoder* is claimed and the *Encoder(SR)* is operating mainly in the high demand or continuous mode.

NOTE 3 While low demand mode operation is possible for an *Encoder(SR)*, this document concentrates on high demand and continuous mode. *Safety sub-functions* implemented for high demand or continuous mode can also be used in low demand mode. Requirements for low demand mode are given in IEC 61508 (all parts) [2]. Some guidance for the estimation of average probability of *dangerous failure* on demand (PFD_{avg}) value is provided in IEC 61800-5-2:2016, Annex F.

The requirements of IEC 61800-5-2:2016 for *PDS(SR)* apply to *Encoder(SR)* as applicable. This document includes additional or different requirements for *Encoder(SR)*. It sets out safety-related considerations of *Encoder(SR)* in terms of the framework of IEC 61508 (all parts), and introduces requirements for *Encoder(SR)* as subsystems of a safety-related system. It is intended to facilitate the realisation of the electrical/electronic/programmable electronic (E/E/PE) and mechanical parts of an *Encoder(SR)* in relation to the safety performance of *safety sub-function(s)* of an *Encoder(SR)*.

Manufacturers and suppliers of *Encoder(SR)* will, by using the normative requirements of this document, indicate to users (system integrator, original equipment manufacturer) the safety performance of the *Encoder(SR)*. This will facilitate the incorporation of *Encoder(SR)* into safety-related control systems using the principles of IEC 61508 (all parts), and possibly its specific sector implementations (for example IEC 61511 (all parts) [3], IEC 61513 [4], IEC 62061 [5] or ISO 13849-1 and ISO 13849-2 (see Clause 2).

By applying the requirements from this document, the corresponding requirements of IEC 61508 (all parts) that are necessary for an *Encoder(SR)* are fulfilled.

This document does not specify requirements for:

- the functional properties of an *Encoder(SR)* without any safety relevance;
- the *hazard* and risk analysis of a particular application;
- the identification of *safety sub-functions* for that application;
- the initial allocation of *SILs* to those *safety sub-functions*;
- the driven equipment except for interface arrangements;