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— *Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*

— *Part 2: Performing an assessment*

— *Part 3: Guidance on performing an assessment*

— *Part 4: Guidance on use for process improvement and process capability determination*

— *Part 5: An exemplar Process Assessment Model*

— *Part 6: An exemplar system life cycle process assessment model* [Technical Report]

— *Part 7: Assessment of organizational maturity* [Technical Report]

— *Part 9: Target process profiles* [Technical Specification]

— *Part 10: Safety extension* [Technical Specification]

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— *Part 8: An exemplar process assessment model for IT service management* [Technical Report]

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Introduction

The published ISO/IEC 15504 process assessment models for systems and software do not currently provide a sufficient basis for performing a process capability assessment of processes with respect to the development of complex safety-related systems.

This part of ISO/IEC 15504 provides a general framework in which assessments can take place. However, additional guidance and processes are needed to support the use of the existing process assessment models for systems and software when applied to safety-related systems development in order to make consistent judgment regarding process capability or improvement priorities.

Developing safety-related systems requires specialized processes, techniques, skills and experience. Process amplifications are needed in the area of safety management, safety engineering and the safety qualification. This part of ISO/IEC 15504 presents these amplifications (a safety extension) as three process descriptions. This part of ISO/IEC 15504 also provides additional informative components concerning additional life-cycle verification activities related to the methods and techniques selected relevant to safety requirements adopted and tailoring guidance for users intending to use the safety extension as part of a process assessment.

This part of ISO/IEC 15504, as a standalone document, can be used in conjunction with ISO/IEC 15504-5 and/or ISO/IEC TR 15504-6 process assessment models by experienced assessors with minimal support from safety domain experts.

This part of ISO/IEC 15504 is developed independent of any specific safety standards that define safety principles, methods, techniques and work products. However, elements of relevant safety standards can be mapped to the safety extension and the safety extension is intended to be extendable to include specific safety standards requirements.

NOTE According to the purpose of ISO/IEC 15504, this part is to be considered independent of any domain-specific standard. Consequently, technical engineering solutions and methods as well as specific working products required by any domain-specific safety standard are not explicitly mapped on the safety engineering process and the other processes defined in this part of ISO/IEC 15504. At assessment time, these technical engineering solutions and methods, as well as specific working products, are to be considered by the assessor as project-specific solutions/choices or project requirements related to specific corresponding processes.

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Part 10:
Safety extension

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 15504 is a safety extension that defines additional processes and guidance to support the use of the exemplar process assessment models for system and software (ISO/IEC 15504-5 and ISO/IEC TR 15504-6) when applied to assessment of processes in the development of (functional or non-functional) safety-related systems in order to make consistent judgment regarding process capability and/or improvement priorities.

This part of ISO/IEC 15504 is not intended to provide the state of the art for developing or verifying functional or non-functional safety-related systems or components.

NOTE The aim of this part of ISO/IEC 15504 is not to provide a way to verify the compliance with one or more domain-specific safety standards, nor to extend ISO/IEC 15504 in order to use it as a safety standard against which to verify compliance. The aim is to provide assessors with the necessary means and information for measuring the capability of processes and also defining possible process improvement actions when the software/system under development is safety-related.

2 Normative references

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

ISO/IEC 15504-1:2004, *Information technology — Process assessment — Part 1: Concepts and vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 15504-1 and the following apply.

3.1
hazard
potential source of physical injury or damage to the health of people or damage to property or the environment

[ISO/IEC Guide 51:1999]

3.2
external resource
resource not developed under project control

NOTE Resources not developed under project control include: tools, libraries, COTS, re-use components.

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3.3
safety demonstration
body of evidence and rationale that shows an item is justified as being safe within allowed limits on risk

NOTE 1 For example, this might include that an item was designed and integrated correctly to approved standards by competent people in accordance with approved procedures with sufficient mitigation, and tested sufficiently.

NOTE 2 For more information about safety case and assurance case in general, see ISO/IEC 15026.

3.4
safety criteria
limits of acceptable risk associated with a hazard

NOTE These limits may be defined as imposed safety targets or developed from analysis or development policy.

3.5
safety-related incident
incident having an impact on safety

3.6
safety integrity requirement
likelihood of a safety-related system satisfactorily performing the required safety functions under stated conditions

3.7
safety life cycle
project or product life cycle in which safety processes are performed

3.8
safety requirement
requirement that is needed to ensure the safety of the product

4 The process dimension

In this section the definitions of processes needed to support process assessments are defined.

The performance of one or more of the processes in this part of ISO/IEC 15504 is not intended to cover the requirements of any other safety standard. The achievement of a certain capability level in one or more of those processes does not imply the compliance with any other domain specific safety standard.

4.1 Safety Management process

Process ID	SAF.1		
Process Name	Safety Management		
Process Purpose	The purpose of the Safety Management Process is to ensure that products, services and life-cycle processes meet safety objectives.		
Process Outcomes	As a result of the successful implementation of the Safety Management process: 1) Safety principles and safety criteria are established. 2) The scope of the safety activities for the project is defined. 3) Safety activities are planned and implemented. 4) Tasks and resources necessary to complete the safety activities are sized and estimated. 5) Safety organization structure (responsibilities, roles, reporting channels, interfaces with		

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	other projects or OUs …) is established. 6) Safety activities are monitored, safety-related incidents are reported, analysed, and resolved. 7) Agreement on safety policy and requirements for supplied products or services is achieved. 8) Supplier's safety activities are monitored.
Base Practices	**SAF.1.BP.1: Define safety objectives and criteria.** The limits of acceptable risk associated with a hazard are defined externally as imposed safety targets or developed from analysis or development policy. Safety targets and/or acceptable levels of risk are determined. [Outcome1] **SAF.1.BP.2: Define Safety Life Cycle.** The Safety Life Cycle is defined, which is appropriate to the context, complexity, safety criteria and targets for the project. [Outcome 2] NOTE 1: Assure Functional safety throughout the product life cycle. For this reason, the safety management includes and reflects all phases of the product life cycle. **SAF.1.BP.3: Perform safety planning.** Safety engineering and management activities are to be implemented in order to meet and verify that safety requirements are identified, their dependencies are determined, their implementation planned, and the resource needs are identified. [Outcome 3] **SAF.1.BP.4: Define safety activities integration.** Safety activities integration with product development, project life cycle and support process is determined. [Outcome 3, 5] NOTE 2: Examples of integration between development life cycle and safety activities can be found in IEC 61508 and ISO 26262 NOTE 3: Safety activities integration is supported by traceability of safety requirements during the development life cycle. **SAF.1.BP.5: Define skills requirements definition and allocate responsibility.** Skills needs for carrying out planned safety activities are identified and responsibilities, authorities, and independence of involved roles are defined and allocated accordingly. [Outcome 3, 4, 5] **SAF.1.BP.6: Implement planned safety activities.** The activities defined in the safety planning are implemented. [Outcome 3] **SAF.1.BP.7: Monitor the deployment of the safety activities.** Monitor the deployment of the safety activities and act to correct deviations: safety activities of the project are monitored, and safety-related incidents identified in work products, and safety activities are reported, analyzed, managed to closure and further prevented. [Outcome 6] **SAF.1.BP.8: Define and agree safety policy and safety requirements with suppliers.** Methods and techniques to monitor supplier's safety activities are agreed with the customer. Define an agreement on how the supplier assures safety of the supplied

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	product. [Outcome 7] **SAF.1.BP.9: Monitor the safety activities of the supplier**. Supplier's safety activities to meet the safety requirements are monitored and reported. [Outcome 8] **SAF.1.BP.10: Implement an escalation mechanism.** Develop and maintain the escalation mechanism that ensures that safety issues may be escalated to appropriate levels of management to resolve them. [Outcome 6]
Specific Practices (optional for Levels 2-5)	-

Work Products	
Inputs	Outputs
S-16 Safety requirements	S-10 Safety policy [Outcome: 1,2]
17-03 Customer requirements [ISO/IEC 15504-5]	S-09 Safety Plan [Outcome: 2, 3, 4, 5]
15-06 Project status report [ISO/IEC 15504-5; ISO/IEC TR 15504-6]	08-12 Project plan [Outcome: 2, 3, 4, 5] [ISO/IEC 15504-5]
S-08 Safety log	14-09 Work breakdown structure [Outcome: 2, 3] [ISO/IEC 15504-5]
13-04 Communication record [ISO/IEC 15504-5]	13-04 Communication record [Outcome: 6, 8] [ISO/IEC 15504-5]
02-00 Contract [ISO/IEC 15504-5]	15-06 Project status report [Outcome: 6, 8] [ISO/IEC 15504-5; ISO/IEC TR 15504-6]
02-01 Commitment/agreement [ISO/IEC 15504-5]	S-08 Safety log [Outcome: 6, 7]
S-17 Safety Standards	13-19 Review record [Outcome: 6] [ISO/IEC 15504-5]
S-10 Safety policy	13-16 Change request [Outcome: 6] [ISO/IEC 15504-5]
08-12 Project plan [ISO/IEC 15504-5]	13-01 Acceptance record [Outcome: 6] [ISO/IEC 15504-5]
S-15 Safety regulation	08-24 Training plan [Outcome: 5] [ISO/IEC 15504-5]
10-01 Life-cycle model [ISO/IEC 15504-5]	S-03 Qualification requirements on External resources [Outcome: 4]
	S-07 Safety life-cycle model [Outcome: 2, 3]
	S-05 Safety criteria [Outcome: 1]
	S-04 Safety demonstration [Outcome: 3]

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