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This International Standard has been reproduced without significant modification to its original contents or drafting.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2007. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLERS –

Part 3: Programming languages

1 General

1.1 Scope

This part of IEC 61131 specifies syntax and semantics of programming languages for *programmable controllers* as defined in part 1 of IEC 61131.

The functions of program entry, testing, monitoring, operating system, etc., are specified in Part 1 of IEC 61131.

1.2 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.

IEC 60050 (all parts): *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV)*

IEC 60559:1989, *Binary floating-point arithmetic for microprocessors systems*

IEC 60617-12:1997, *Graphical symbols for diagrams – Part 12: Binary logic elements*

IEC 60617-13:1993, *Graphical symbols for diagrams – Part 13: Analogue elements*

IEC 60848:2002, *GRAFCET specification language for sequential function charts*

IEC 61131-1, *Programmable controllers – Part 1: General information*

IEC 61131-5, *Programmable controllers – Part 5: Communications*

ISO/AFNOR: 1989, *Dictionary of computer science – The standardised vocabulary*

ISO/IEC 10646-1:1993, *Information technology – Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS) – Part 1: Architecture and Basic Multilingual Plane*

1.3 Definitions

For the purposes of this part of IEC 61131, the following definitions apply. Definitions applying to all parts of IEC 61131 are given in part 1.

NOTE 1 Terms defined in this subclause are *italicized* where they appear in the bodies of definitions.

NOTE 2 The notation “(ISO)” following a definition indicates that the definition is taken from the ISO/AFNOR Dictionary of computer science.

NOTE 3 The ISO/AFNOR Dictionary of computer science and the IEC 60050 should be consulted for terms not defined in this standard.