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**Live working — Methods for assessment  
of defects and verification of performance  
applicable to tools, devices and equipment**

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