
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**CONSUMER PROTECTION
HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Personal Protective Equipment Regulations 2002

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THE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS 2002

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SCHEDULE 1 — ANNEX I OF THE PPE DIRECTIVE
— **EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF PPE CLASSES NOT COVERED BY
THIS DIRECTIVE**

1. PPE designed and manufactured specifically for use by the armed...
2. PPE for self-defence (aerosol canisters, personal deterrent weapons, etc.).

3. PPE designed and manufactured for private use against: adverse atmospheric...
4. PPE intended for the protection or rescue of persons on...
5. Helmets and visors intended for users of two- or three-wheeled...

SCHEDULE 2 — ANNEX II OF THE PPE DIRECTIVE

— BASIC HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO ALL PPE
 - 1.1 Design principles
 - 1.1.1 **Ergonomics**
 - 1.1.2 **Levels and classes of protection**
 - 1.1.2.1 Highest level of protection possible The optimum level of protection...
 - 1.1.2.2 Classes of protection appropriate to different levels of risk Where...
 - 1.2 Innocuousness of PPE
 - 1.2.1 **Absence of risks and other “inherent” nuisance factors**
 - 1.2.1.1 Suitable constituent materials PPE materials and parts, including any of...
 - 1.2.1.2 Satisfactory surface condition of all PPE parts in contact with...
 - 1.2.1.3 Maximum permissible user impediment Any impediment caused by PPE to...
 - 1.3 Comfort and efficiency
 - 1.3.1 **Adaptation of PPE to user morphology**
 - 1.3.2 **Lightness and strength**
 - 1.3.3 **Compatibility of different classes or types of PPE designed for simultaneous use**
 - 1.4 Information supplied by the manufacturer
 2. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS COMMON TO SEVERAL CLASSES OR TYPES OF PPE
 - 2.1 PPE incorporating adjustment systems
 - 2.2 PPE “enclosing” the parts of the body to be protected
 - 2.3 PPE for the face, eyes and respiratory tracts
 - 2.4 PPE subject to ageing
 - 2.5 PPE which may be caught up during use
 - 2.6 PPE for use in explosive atmospheres
 - 2.7 PPE intended for emergency use or rapid installation and/or removal
 - 2.8 PPE for use in very dangerous situations
 - 2.9 PPE incorporating components which can be adjusted or removed by the user
 - 2.10 PPE for connection to another, external complementary device
 - 2.11 PPE incorporating a fluid circulation system
 - 2.12 PPE bearing one or more identification or recognition marks directly or indirectly relating to health and safety
 - 2.13 PPE in the form of clothing capable of signalling the user’s presence visually
 - 2.14 “Multi-risk” PPE
 3. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO PARTICULAR RISKS
 - 3.1 Protection against mechanical impact
 - 3.1.1 **Impact caused by falling or projecting objects and collision of parts of the body with an obstacle**
 - 3.1.2 **Falls**
 - 3.1.2.1 Prevention of falls due to slipping The outsoles for footwear...
 - 3.1.2.2 Prevention of falls from a height PPE designed to prevent...
 - 3.1.3 **Mechanical vibration**
 - 3.2 Protection against (static) compression of part of the body

- 3.3 Protection against physical injury (abrasion, perforation, cuts, bites)
- 3.4 Prevention of drowning (lifejackets, armbands and lifesaving suits)
- 3.4.1 **Buoyancy aids**
- 3.5 Protection against the harmful effects of noise
- 3.6 Protection against heat and/or fire
- 3.6.1 **PPE constituent materials and other components**
- 3.6.2 **Complete PPE ready for use**
- 3.7 Protection against cold
- 3.7.1 **PPE constituent materials and other components**
- 3.7.2 **Complete PPE ready for use**
- 3.8 Protection against electric shock
- 3.9 Radiation protection
- 3.9.1 **Non-ionising radiation**
- 3.9.2 **Ionising radiation**
- 3.9.2.1 Protection against external radioactive contamination PPE constituent materials and other...
- 3.9.2.2 Limited protection against external irradiation PPE intended to provide complete...
- 3.10 Protection against dangerous substances and infective agents
- 3.10.1 **Respiratory protection**
- 3.10.2 **Protection against cutaneous and ocular contact**
- 3.11 Safety devices for diving equipment
 - 1. Breathing equipment The breathing equipment must make it possible to...
 - 2. Where the foreseeable conditions of use so require, the equipment...

SCHEDULE 3 — ANNEX III OF THE PPE DIRECTIVE
— **TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION SUPPLIED BY THE MANUFACTURER**

The documentation referred to in Article 8(1) must comprise all...
In the case of PPE models referred to in Article...

SCHEDULE 4 — ANNEX IV OF THE PPE DIRECTIVE
— **CE CONFORMITY MARKING AND INFORMATION**

The CE conformity marking shall consist of the initials “CE”...

SCHEDULE 5 — ANNEX VI OF THE PPE DIRECTIVE

SCHEDULE 6 — ARTICLE 13 OF THE PPE DIRECTIVE
— **CE MARKING**

- 1. The CE conformity marking shall consist of the initials “CE”...
- 2. The CE marking must be affixed to each piece of...
- 3. The affixing of markings on the PPE which are likely...
- 4. Without prejudice to Article 7: (a) where a Member State...

SCHEDULE 7 — ARTICLE 10 OF THE PPE DIRECTIVE
— **EC TYPE-EXAMINATION**

- 1. EC type-examination is the procedure whereby the approved inspection body...
- 2. Application for EC type-examination shall be made by the manufacturer...
- 3. The application shall comprise: the name and address of the...
- 4. The inspection body of which notification has been given shall...
- 5. If the model satisfies the relevant provisions, the inspection body...
- 6. Any inspection body which refuses to issue an EC type-examination...

SCHEDULE 8 — ARTICLE 11 OF THE PPE DIRECTIVE
— **CHECKING OF PPE MANUFACTURED**

- A “EC” quality control system for the final product
1. A manufacturer shall take all steps necessary to ensure that...
 2. A body of which notification has been given, chosen by...
 3. An adequate sample of PPE taken by the body of...
 4. Where a body is not the body that issued the...
 5. The body of which notification has been given shall provide...
 6. The manufacturer must be able to present, on request, the...
- B System for ensuring EC quality of production by means of monitoring
1. The system (a) Under this procedure the manufacturer submits an...
 2. Supervision (a) The purpose of supervision is to ensure that...

SCHEDULE 9 — ARTICLE 12 OF THE PPE DIRECTIVE
— **EC DECLARATION OF PRODUCTION CONFORMITY**

The EC declaration of conformity is the procedure whereby the...

1. draws up a declaration using the form laid down on...
2. affixes the CE marking of conformity provided for by Article...

SCHEDULE 10 — ENFORCEMENT

1. For the purposes of providing for the enforcement of these...
2. An enforcement authority shall, where action has been taken by...
3. Nothing in these Regulations shall authorise an enforcement authority to...

SCHEDULE 11 — REGULATIONS REVOKED

1. The Personal Protective Equipment (EC Directive) Regulations 1992.
2. The Personal Protective Equipment (EC Directive) (Amendment) Regulations 1993.
3. The Personal Protective Equipment (EC Directive) (Amendment) Regulations 1994.
4. The Personal Protective Equipment (EC Directive) (Amendment) Regulations 1996.

Explanatory Note