

The new provisions in the PPE Regulation (EU) 2016/425



While the European PPE Directive provided a legal framework which had to be implemented in national law by the individual member states, the PPE Regulation now introduces full harmonisation. Consequently there is no longer any freedom of movement for the national member states in its implementation.

>> NEW OBLIGATIONS FOR BUSINESSES

The obligations of businesses have been amended on the basis of the NLF (New Legislative Framework). Now not only manufacturers but also authorised agents, importers and retailers are covered and their obligations are directly enshrined in the Regulation. The Regulation includes detailed descriptions, offers greater transparency and consequently is easier for market regulatory authorities to apply and will enable better traceability.

EXAMPLES

- PPE that is available on the market must be monitored and any complaints followed up.
- If importers and retailers market products under their own name, they become manufacturers and have the same obligations.
- Conduct of the relevant compliance process.
- Documents must be retained for inspection by market regulatory authorities for 10 years, starting from when the PPE is first marketed.
- If there are any reports of suspected problems, a record of complaints must be maintained and random samples taken.

>> DEADLINES

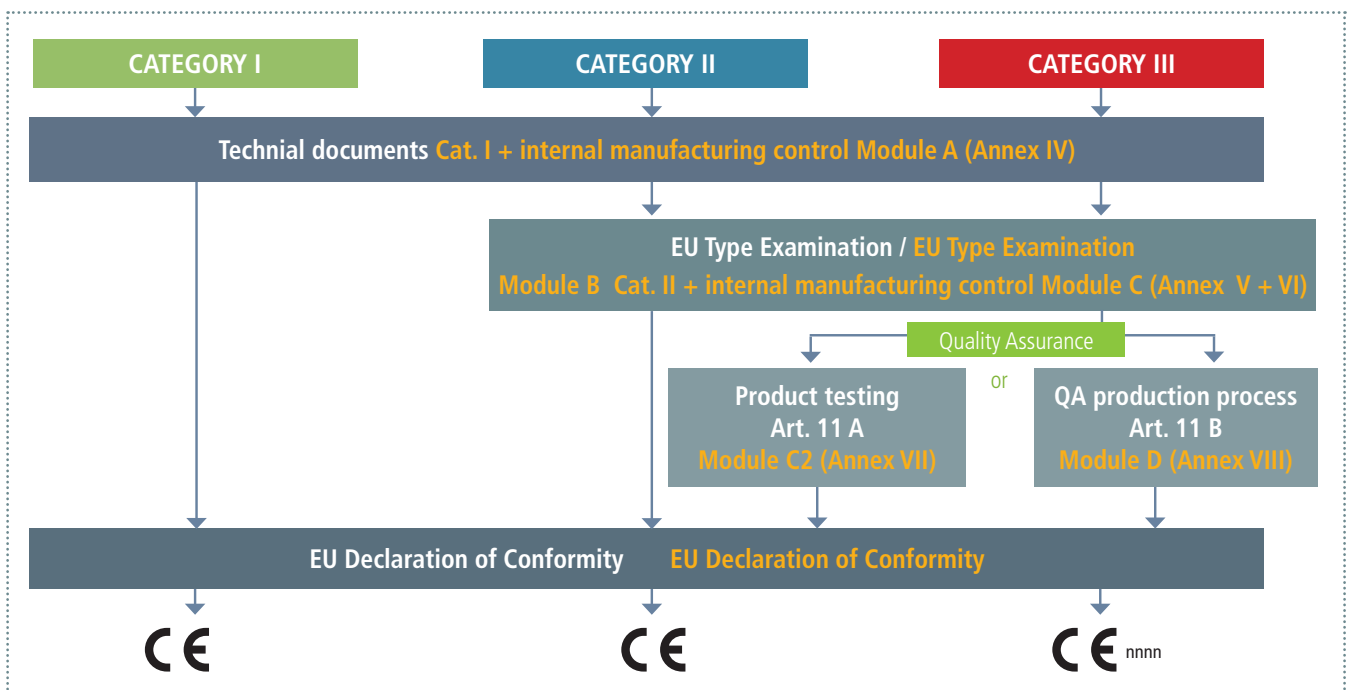
21 April 2018
PPE Directive is
repealed

21 April 2019
PPE that is brought to market must
comply with the PPE Regulation

21 April 2023
Cut-off date for the expiry of all certificates
issued under the PPE Directive

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	PPE DIRECTIVE 89/686/EEC	PPE REGULATION (EU) 2016/425
CHANGED CATEGORIES		
Extension of the area of application, e.g. to include oven-gloves for domestic use	No CE marking	CE marking
New category assignment, e.g. protection against cuts by hand-held chainsaws	Category II	Category III
NEW RULES FOR LABELLING		
Postal address of the manufacturer must appear on the label	Previously: Name	Now: Name and address
EU Declaration of Conformity	EU Declaration of Conformity: To be provided on request	EU Declaration of Conformity: Has been made more accurate and the contents amended, e.g. exact product description for identification purposes and traceability; must be attached to all PPE or be available to download from the website
CERTIFICATES		
Period of validity	Not enshrined, since 2010 regulated at national level in Germany	Legally limited to 5 years
INTRODUCTION OF CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT MODULES		
The new Regulation will introduce conformity modules to correspond with the new legal framework		



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Do you have any questions about the new PPE Regulation? We are happy to help:

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The information sheet indicates significant changes compared to the PPE Directive. Only the PPE Regulation (EU) 2016/425 is binding.