

Do you know all the answers to the **60+** questions related to the **transition** from the **PPE Directive** 89/686/EEC to the new **PPE Regulation** (EU) 2016/425 on the website of the European Safety Federation?

e.g.

How do we need to interpret the single point at which the manufacturer or importer can be contacted?

What is the date from which issue of EU type examination certificates (Regulation) is possible? from 21/4/2018? or earlier?

When have all stocks of PPE at distributors to be compliant with the Regulation?

Yes: congratulations!

You are a PPE expert and you probably would appreciate to:

- be part of the **PPE Expert network**, where you can meet other PPE suppliers, dealing with those and other questions.
- be able to **exchange experiences** or have influence in the optimization of the by legislation imposed workflow/procedures.
- **have a voice** to the representatives of the EU commission, the EU parliament, the coordination of the Notified Bodies and other stakeholders.

Therefore, **contact** the ESF effective member in your country or with the ESF secretariat for more details.

No: do not panic yet!

But it is time to **start acting**.

Register today on the ESF website and get all the answers for free:

<https://www.eu-esf.org/component/rsform/form/11-esf-website-registration-form>

To stay up-to-date on all matters related to PPE: **contact** one of the ESF effective members to get more information.

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The **New PPE Regulation** (EU) 2016/425 enters into force on the 21st of April 2018. Does anything **change for me as user?**

(User: employer, wearer, buyer)

e.g.

Are the actual PPE in my possession still safe, or will I have to change all PPE from that date (21/04/2018) on?

Will PPE still be easy to obtain from that date on?

Is there a change in my obligations to provide PPE for my employees?

No, this doesn't change for the user

As there are no issues with the health and safety requirements of the PPE Directive 89/686/EEC, these requirements have not been changed (with a few minor exceptions). This means that for the vast majority of PPE, there are no technical changes to the product necessary and thus these PPE can continue to be used without any risk.

The PPE certified under the PPE Directive 89/686/EEC and in the supply chain before 21/04/2019, can still be sold by the distributor after that date.

The obligations of employers related to Occupational Health and Safety in general and the use of PPE in particular have not been changed as these are not part of this product legislation, but of framework Directive 89/391 and specific Directive 89/656.

Yes, some changes are beneficial for the user

The categorisation in the new Regulation is risk based, not based on type of PPE, which makes it easier to link with the risk assessment at the workplace.

Some of the PPE change from category II to category III, such as protection against: harmful biological agents, harmful noise, bullet wounds or knife stabs, cuts by hand-held chainsaws, high-pressure jets, drowning.

There are more responsibilities for the manufacturers, distributors, importers, notified bodies and authorities.

The EU-Type examination certificates will only be valid for 5 years.

The product will be accompanied by the Declaration of Conformity (e.g. as part of the user instructions or with an internet link).

When the manufacturer is not based in the EU, the address of the importer will be added on the product (or at least on packaging or documents with the product).

The online sale is stricter. Users must ensure their supplier fulfils his obligations to be allowed to sell in Europe.

For **reliable** and **knowledgeable** suppliers of PPE, see the members of ESF in your country

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