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Question:

What is the procedure to be applied to the EU type-examination in the absence of approved harmonised standards covering product requirements and / or test methods?

Solution:

The notified body has to decide what will be the basis for testing against the requirements of the PPE Regulation.

The manufacturer has to set the specification for the product and ask for certification against this specification. Under normal circumstances, the specifications of the manufacturer will remain strictly confidential.

The notified body is responsible for assessing whether or not the specification meets the applicable requirements of annex II and determining whether or not the submitted PPE does comply with the requirements.

It is recommended to refer to existing standards (e.g. national or ISO (international)) whenever possible.

If this is not possible, the notified body should identify the objectives to be reached in testing for conformity with the requirements and specify test procedures appropriate for the EU type-examination.

The proposed method may be discussed with the other notified bodies if this is necessary. If there is a general interest in a harmonization of the test procedure, the subject should be brought into the European standardisation committee responsible.

Note: The references of technical specifications must be included in the EU type-examination certificate and EU declaration of conformity.