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Question: Problem with orthopaedic safety shoes. How is it possible to award the CE marking ?  'orthopaedic footwear' I became aware that there is a problem in the UK, and the answer of NP's that there is "generally" applied is not very instructive. The procedure may look fine on paper but I really would like NB to report on how to implement it, This may mean to also indicate the manufacturer the safety shoe of which is used as a model for adaptation.			
Solution: To obtain CE marking according to article 10 of the directive, the manufacturer must contact a notified body for footwear. The manufacturer submits orthopaedic footwear for analysis with his technical file The notified body certifies this first type and also the manufacturer's construction process. For the following production on the same model, the manufacturer is supposed to use the same type of construction .  Orthopaedic footwear is directly linked with the wearer, the shoe is unique. The basic safety requirement shall be defined according to the risk assessment done for the wearer. If the orthopaedic features affect the safety aspects, they shall be tested. For example, a new insock/insole can change the safety dimensions. In this case, at least one pair of shoes shall be produced to be tested.  The manufacturer of orthopaedic footwear has the same rule to fulfil that the other footwear manufacturer concerning article 11 of the directive.  The medical directive can be taken into account in some case.			
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(1) Essential safety requirement  
(2) HC = horizontal committee

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