



CO-ORDINATION OF NOTIFIED BODIES
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Key words: Change of raw material of the PPE			
Question: A manufacturer has obtained a CE certificate with for a PPE. For any reason, a raw material is changed (i.e. change of the Leather of the upper). The manufacturer warns his notified body about this change. What will the notified body require ?			
Solution: The notified body will require : 1) a letter of explanation of the manufacturer 2) a PPE sample (manufactured with the new raw material).to be tested by the notified body laboratory. In some cases just the new material and/or a component can be tested.(see recommandation for use CNB/P/00.020-01) If the results comply, the change of material is accepted and the test report and the manufacturer letter are included in the notified body file. If it fails, that is to say that the performance of the new material does not comply with the standard given presumption of conformity to the directive, this change of material is rejected by the notified. Therefore the manufacturer has to keep is first material or to find a new better material which will be tested again. Remark of VG 10 concerning point 2) and the revision of the standards : The EN 344 indicates in the paragraph 4.1 : « wherever possible, test pieces shall be taken from the whole footwear ». In fact, this text does not correspond with the practice of the footwear notified bodies and they request that the new text in the revision of the standard will be : « wherever possible and necessary to insure the essential safety properties, test pieces shall be taken from the whole footwear ».			
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(1) Essential safety requirement
(2) HC = horizontal committee

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(5) To be specified