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Annex:	Article:	Clause: 4.3.2	
Key words: Chain saw protection			
<p>Question:</p> <p>Point 4.3.2 in EN 344-2, states that footwear must have a continuous protective area, comprising vamp, tongue and toe area. The question is whether this requirement of a continuous protective area refers to the construction itself, or if we can understand that the area defined by the standard, is protective once the shoe has been fastened and adjusted.</p> <p>The eight pictures attached to this document, belong to the side and throat views of four models available on the market, which are apparently certified.</p> <p>In our view, only the PAN-1 model fully meets the requirement of continuity. In this shoe, the protective area is strictly continuous and the stays, to be fastened with laces, are superimposed. On the inside, there is a zip fastening that makes the adjustment easier.</p> <p>The other models have different tongues, which allow a better fastening with laces, but they create some kind of discontinuity. The most important case is that of the PAN-6 model, which has only a small bellows in the lower part of the tongue. The slightest contact with the chain saw will cut the laces and move the tongue, leaving this area of the leg unprotected.</p>			
<p>Solution:</p> <p>The footwear fastened on the artificial foot is tested.</p> <p>As long the product fulfil the requirement associated to the test method, it is acceptable.</p> <p>No other requirement on the construction can be required</p>			
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(1) Essential safety requirement  
(2) HC = horizontal committee

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(5) To be specified



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PAN 4



PAN 6 ↑



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