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Question: Safety shoes we certified so far were equipped with steel toe caps. Of course, occasionally , we also tested fibre reinforced plastic toe caps, many of which did not pass the impact test. Recently we saw plastic toe caps that pass the impact test, but ... were very flexible when loaded sideways. EN 344 / EN 345 / EN 346 does not provide a test for this property. As a notified body we feel that the particular toe caps do not comply with the essential requirements of the PPE directive so we would be inclined not to certify shoes with these toe caps, although they might pass all tests by EN 345 or EN 346.			
Solution: If new risk are identified, new tests to cover them shall be proposed to the standardisation committee. For the present time, products that fulfil the existing standard can to be certified. If the notified body is not convinced it is responsibility to refuse the certification of the product.			
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(1) Essential safety requirement
(2) HC = horizontal committee

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(5) To be specified