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Question: If only a prEN is available at the time of EU type-examination, can the product be marked with the standard number „EN ...“? When a product is marked with a prEN, can EN be marked on the product, once the standard is ratified?			
Solution: Marking with a standard reference is not mandatory by the PPE Regulation. Where a manufacturer decides to mark a standard or prEN on his product, the following principles apply: As long as no final standard exists or the final standard is not identical with the prEN, the marking cannot be "EN ...". If the ratified EN is identical to the prEN, then „EN ...“ may be marked on the product, subject to confirmation by the notified body. Where the ratified EN is not identical to the prEN, then „EN ...“ cannot be marked on the product. Marking with a prEN is not recommended. However, where a manufacturer decides to mark with the prEN used for the EU type-examination then it should be fully identified by year and/or issue. Note: As long as a prEN or EN do not give presumption of conformity, conformity assessment has to be based on a technical specification (Annex III of the PPE Regulation).			