



SUBJECT: New PPE Regulation EU 2016/425

RECIPIENTS: All Council Services (including schools)

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The old EC Directive has been changed to a Regulation & came fully into force in April this year.

The majority of the new Regulations put the responsibility on manufactures, importers and distributors to ensure the equipment meets the required standards. So if PPE is obtained from a recognised source there should not be a problem. However you should check you have the certificate.

From now on under the Regulation the manufacturer has to place their name and address on the item.

Items now have to come with a certificate of conformity or a link where this can be obtained

Some notable changes are

- It moves hearing protection and life jackets from class 2 to class 3 PPE.
- It also imposes a mandatory 5 year maximum certificate validity on the manufacturers. In short this means the manufacture has to have their items re certified every 5 years. The end user has to check that the certificate is still in date when they receive their items.
- Domestic oven gloves are classed as PPE so for the work places that have them should make sure these have the certificate and the appropriate CE or BSI mark on them.
- Bespoke PPE is now covered by the Regulations so if you are using something specific to a task for protection you should consult the regulations to ensure you are complying.

All current certificates are still valid until they expire or 2023 so there is no need to change your PPE just because it does not have the new certificate.

More detailed guidance can be found at

<http://www.csagroupuk.org/2018/01/personal-protective-equipment-regulation-2016-425/>

If you require further assistance or clarification on the subject please contact:

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