

## REGULATIONS HARMONISED AT EUROPEAN LEVEL

# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

## SCOPE

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for professional, sports or recreational use

Examples: air purifying respirators protecting against solid or liquid aerosols or dangerous or radiotoxic gases; diving equipment; personal protective equipment intended to protect against falls from a height; solar safety glasses, and so on

The scope of the Directive does not apply to: PPE specifically designed and built for the armed forces or law enforcement (i.e. helmets, shields); self-defence PPE against assailants (i.e. aerosol spray cans, individual weapons for the purpose of deterring assault).

The Directive lays down the conditions governing the placing on the market and the free movement within the Community and the basic safety requirements, which PPE must satisfy to ensure the protection of users' health and ensure their safety directive.

## REGULATIONS

### ➤ EU LEGISLATION

■ [Directive 89/686/EEC](#) of 21 December 1989 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to personal protective equipment

### ➤ FRENCH TRANSPOSITION LEGISLATION

#### A. Majority of PPE

■ [Labour Code](#) – Part VI – Book III – Titles 1 and 2: Articles L.4311.1 *et seq.*

#### B. Some PPE for sports and leisure pursuits

■ [Sports Code](#) – Book III – Title II – Section 4: Articles R.322-27 *et seq.*

## HARMONISED STANDARDS

### A. Majority of PPE

■ List published by [Commission communication](#) in the *OJEU* of 20 December 2012

### B. Some PPE for sports and leisure pursuits

■ List published by [Communication](#) in the *JORF* of 12 July 2013

## **CONTACTS**

### **➤ AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATIONS**

#### **A. Majority of PPE**

- Ministry :

• *Ministère du travail, de l'emploi, de la formation professionnelle et du dialogue social*  
(Ministry for Labour, Employment, Vocational Training and Industrial Relations)

- Relevant structure :

- DGT – Bureau CT 3 des équipements et des lieux de travail  
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#### **B. Some PPE for sports and leisure pursuits**

- Ministry :

- *Ministère du redressement productif* (Ministry for Economic Regeneration)

- Relevant structure :

- DGCIS – Bureau de la libre circulation des produits  
[libre-circulation.dgcis@finances.gouv.fr](mailto:libre-circulation.dgcis@finances.gouv.fr)

### **➤ MARKET SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITIES**

- Ministry :

- *Ministère de l'économie et des finances* (Ministry for the Economy and Finance)

- Relevant structures :

- DGCCRF – Bureau des produits industriels 5A – [bureau-5a@dgccrf.finances.gouv.fr](mailto:bureau-5a@dgccrf.finances.gouv.fr)
- DGDDI (Customs) – Bureau D2 – [dg-d2@douane.finances.gouv.fr](mailto:dg-d2@douane.finances.gouv.fr)

### **➤ NOTIFIED BODIES**

- Majority of PPE : [List](#) of French notified bodies on EUROGIP's website

- Some PPE for sports and leisure pursuits : List published by [Communication](#) on 24 July 2010

- National coordination : EUROGIP for the PPE covered by the Labour Code  
55, rue de la Fédération – 75015 PARIS  
<http://www.eurogip.fr/>  
[eurogip@wanadoo.fr](mailto:eurogip@wanadoo.fr)

### **➤ BUSINESS FEDERATIONS**

- Syndicat Professionnel des Matériels et Articles de Protection (SYNAMAP)  
Défense 1 - 39/41 rue Louis Blanc – 92038 Paris la Défense  
Telephone: +33 1 47 17 64 36 – <http://www.synamap.fr/>

- **Fédération française des industries du sport (FIFAS)**  
3, rue Jules Guesde – 92300 LEVALLOIS-PERRET  
Telephone: +33 1 53 43 09 10 – <http://www.fifas.com/>

- Fédération professionnelle des entreprises du sport et des loisirs (FPS)  
109, rue du faubourg St Honoré – 75008 PARIS – <http://www.filiere-sport.com/>