



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PPE REGULATION (EU) 2016/425 AND DIRECTIVE 89/686/EEC ?

Since 22nd April 2019, which marked the ending of one year “Transitional Provisions” period, PPE Regulation (EU) 2016/425 replaced Directive 89/686/EEC. What are the main changes and differences between the Directive and Regulation? How does it affects distributors? The details are listed in the following.

Validation	Valid for 5 years and has to be displayed on the certification. The Directive contained no requirements for an expiry date for CE certificates, so many older certificates have no expiry date.
CE certification	Article 10 -> Module B Article 11B -> Module D
Category	Categorization of PPE is changed, however Chemical protective clothing stays in Category III.
DoC	Declaration of Conformity (DoC) document must be accessed with each product.
Requirements	Each PPE shall indicate the registered trade name or trade mark, and the postal address of manufacturer/importer.

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