

PPE Certification



- ✓ Independent, neutral assessment
- ✓ Type-examination valid throughout Europe
- ✓ Accredited conformity assessment body (SCESp 0096 / Notified Body 1726)

For personal protective equipment (PPE) the emphasis is on quality – the clothing provides personal protection and safety in everyday (occupational) use.

TESTEX is a recognised conformity assessment body for PPE clothing. It is registered under Swiss accreditation No. SCESp 0096 and as Notified Body No. 1726 in the EU, and conducts type examinations in Category II and III.

CE conformity and type examination

Personal protective equipment intended for sale in Switzerland and the EU must comply with the applicable safety requirements and standards. In Switzerland, distinguishing the tested and certified clothing with the CE mark is optional – whereas in the EU the CE conformity mark must be attached. The legal requirements (Regulation on Personal Protective Equipment PSAV / Regulation (EU) 2016/425) must be taken into account here.

TESTEX's certification body verifies neutrally and independently whether the technical documents and types conform to the basic requirements under the Regulation on Personal Protective Equipment PSAV, Art. 3 (Regulation (EU) 2016/425) and the relevant standards (type-examination, scope: www.testex.com).

The PPE models tested and certified by TESTEX are guaranteed to conform to legal requirements and provide appropriate protection when properly used.

Certification process

1. Application and submission of type

By submitting the application form (download via www.testex.com) and the type as well as manufacturer's documents as specified in EN ISO 13688:2013, the manufacturer, distributor, etc., applies for a type-examination. TESTEX provides comprehensive documentation in order to conduct the certification as efficiently as possible and facilitate the necessary preparations.



2. Submitting suppliers' certificates and test reports

This includes all existing test reports, proof of innocuousness or certificates from suppliers. For specific requirements of standards, test reports from accredited testing bodies confirming the required values must be provided. If such test reports have to be drawn up, the relevant tests can be arranged on request.

3. Assessment and certification

In order to guarantee uniform assessment for all applicants, our certification body proceeds according to a checklist including all documents and prototype requirements of the Regulation on Personal Protective Equipment PSAV, Art.3 (Regulation (EU) 2016/425, Annex II), and also the relevant European standards.

It is important in this context to separate testing and certification – these two steps must be conducted in independent departments or companies. TESTEX has an independent in-house textile testing department and can also arrange for the tests to be conducted by its OETI subsidiary or another accredited body. This flexibility enables TESTEX to ensure that orders are processed promptly and according to the customer's wishes.

4. PPE type-examination

Together with the assessment report the customer receives a PPE type-examination with which the tested product can be brought on to the market for the coming 5 years.

5. Declaration of conformity

On the basis of the type-examination the manufacturer, distributor, etc., confirms that the designated PPE is identical with the relevant type and complies with the requirements of the Regulation on Personal Protective Equipment PSAV, Art. 3 (Regulation (EU) 2016/425, Annex II) and the relevant European standards.

More information

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