



NEW EUROPEAN REGULATION (UE) 2016/425 IN TERMS OF PPE (Personal Protective Equipments)

On April the 20th 2016 became effective the European regulations (EU) 2016/425 regarding Personal Protective Equipments, but it will be juridically binding from April the 21st 2018. This regulation replaces the actual directive UE 89/686/CEE.

After receiving many enquiries from our customers but also internally of our organization, we realized that there is still big confusion regarding this regulation and FTG safety shoes is trying to clarify the argument here below:

What is going to change after the introduction of this regulation?

The new regulations naturally takes the cue from the old document suggesting again many directives already required, but the main modifications can be summarised as follows:

- CE certificate will last 5 years, after that will be renovated following a special procedure directly managed by CE notified body.
- Where possible the expiration date of the safety product will be shown.
- Declarations of conformity shall be associated with every single safety product or they should be available on dedicated pages on the manufactured web site and they should be available in the language required by the country where the product will be introduced.
- All informative documents shall be associated with every single safety products or it should be available in the language required by the country where the product will be introduced.
- All technical, informative and project documents will be saved and make it available for the whole distribution chain and for the surveillance authority for a period of 10 year at least.

All this will also influence the production system requiring implementation of the existing machinery and new industrialization.

What it will happen to the “old” products which are not matching anymore the new regulation?

The regulation considers some temporary instruction as follow:

- . Except for paragraph 2, Countries members don't obstruct to put on the market these products considered by directive 89/686/CEE in compliance with this directive introduced in the market before April 21st 2019.
- CE certificates and approvals issued respecting the directive 89/686/CEE remain valid until April the 21st 2023, unless they expire before this date.

How is our company preparing for facing these changes?

FTG SAFETY SHOES SPA has already started the process to meet all instructions considered from the new regulation, increasing awareness and teaching employees at all levels and studying new industrialization of our footwear because the safety of our customers comes always first.

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