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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on European standardisation, amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC, 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/23/EC and 2009/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decision 87/95/EEC and Decision No 1673/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council[(1)], and in particular Article 10(6) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(2)], personal protective equipment that is in conformity with harmonised standards or parts thereof, the references of which have been published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, is to be presumed to be in conformity with the essential health and safety requirements set out in Annex II to that Regulation covered by those standards or parts thereof.

(2) By letter M/031, entitled 'STANDARDISATION MANDATE TO CEN/CENELEC CONCERNING STANDARDS FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT', the Commission made a request to the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (Cenelec) to develop and draw up harmonised standards in support of Council Directive 89/686/EEC[(3)].

(3) Directive 89/686/EEC was replaced by Regulation (EU) 2016/425 as from 21 April 2018, which brought only a limited number of changes to the essential health and safety requirements set out in Annex II to Directive 89/686/EEC. The harmonised standards drafted on the basis of request M/031 have been drafted exclusively in support of essential health and safety requirements, which have remained substantially unchanged following the replacement of Directive 89/686/EEC by Regulation (EU) 2016/425.

(4) On the basis of the request M/031, CEN and Cenelec drafted the following harmonised standards: EN 893:2019 on mountaineering equipment, EN 943-2:2019 on protective clothing against dangerous solid, liquid and gaseous chemicals, EN 1073-1:2016+A1:2018 on protective clothing against solid airborne particles including

radioactive contamination and EN 14458:2018 on personal eye-equipment, in support of Regulation (EU) 2016/425.

(5) On the basis of the request M/031, CEN and Cenelec revised harmonised standards EN 343:2003+A1:2007/AC:2009, EN 358:1999, EN 381-5:1995, EN 381-7:1999, EN 381-9:1997, EN 381-11:2002, EN 13832-2:2006, EN 13832-3:2006, EN 14594:2005, EN 388:2016, EN 943-1:2015 and EN 12277:2015, the references of which are published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*[(4)]. This resulted in adoption of, respectively, harmonised standards EN 343:2019 for protective clothing against rain, EN 358:2018 for belts and lanyards for work positioning or restraint, EN ISO 11393-2:2019, EN ISO 11393-4:2019, EN ISO 11393-5:2019 and EN ISO 11393-6:2019 for protective clothing for users of hand-held chainsaws, EN 13832-2:2018 and EN 13832-3:2018 for footwear protecting against chemicals, EN 14594:2018 for respiratory protective devices, EN 388:2016+A1:2018 for protective gloves against mechanical risks, EN 943-1:2015+A1:2019 for protective clothing against dangerous solid, liquid and gaseous chemicals, including liquid and solid aerosols and EN 12277:2015+A1:2018 for mountaineering equipment.

(6) On the basis of request M/031, CEN and Cenelec amended harmonised standard EN ISO 10819:2013, the reference of which is published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*[(5)]. This resulted in adoption of an amendment to that harmonised standard, EN ISO 10819:2013/A1:2019.

(7) The Commission together with CEN and Cenelec has assessed whether those standards comply with the request M/031.

(8) The harmonised standards EN 893:2019, EN 943-2:2019, EN 1073-1:2016+A1:2018, EN 14458:2018, EN 343:2019, EN 358:2018, EN ISO 11393-2:2019, EN ISO 11393-4:2019, EN ISO 11393-5:2019, EN ISO 11393-6:2019, EN 13832-2:2018, EN 13832-3:2018, EN 14594:2018, EN 388:2016+A1:2018, EN 943-1:2015+A1:2019, EN ISO 10819:2013 as amended by EN ISO 10819:2013/A1:2019, and EN 12277:2015+A1:2018 satisfy the requirements which they aim to cover and which are set out in Regulation (EU) 2016/425. It is therefore appropriate to publish the references of those standards in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

(9) CEN and Cenelec also drafted corrigendum EN 50321-1:2018/AC: 2018-08 correcting harmonised standard EN 50321-1:2018, the reference of which is published in the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*[(6)]. Due to the fact that this corrigendum introduces technical corrections and in order to ensure correct and consistent application of harmonised standard EN 50321-1:2018, the reference of which was previously published, it is appropriate to publish the reference of this harmonised standard together with the reference of the corrigendum in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

(10) It is therefore necessary to withdraw the references of harmonised standards EN 343:2003+A1:2007/AC:2009, EN 358:1999, EN 381-5:1995, EN 381-7:1999, EN 381-9:1997, EN 381-11:2002, EN 13832-2:2006, EN 13832-3:2006, EN 14594:2005, EN 388:2016, EN 943-1:2015, EN ISO 10819:2013, EN 12277:2015 and EN 50321-1:2018, from the C series of the *Official Journal of the European Union,*

given that those standards have been revised, amended or corrected. In order to give manufacturers more time to prepare for applying harmonised standards EN 343:2019 EN 358:2018, EN ISO 11393-2:2019, EN ISO 11393-4:2019, EN ISO 11393-5:2019, EN ISO 11393-6:2019, EN 13832-2:2018, EN 13832-3:2018, EN 14594:2018, EN 388:2016+A1:2018, EN 943-1:2015+A1:2019, EN ISO 10819:2013 as amended by EN ISO 10819:2013/A1:2019, EN 50321-1:2018 as corrected by EN 50321-1:2018/AC: 2018-08, and EN 12277:2015+A1:2018, it is necessary to defer the withdrawal of the references of harmonised standards EN 343:2003+A1:2007/AC:2009, EN 358:1999, EN 381-5:1995, EN 381-7:1999, EN 381-9:1997, EN 381-11:2002, EN 13832-2:2006, EN 13832-3:2006, EN 14594:2005, EN 388:2016, EN 943-1:2015, EN ISO 10819:2013, EN 12277:2015 and EN 50321-1:2018.

(11) Compliance with a harmonised standard confers a presumption of conformity with the corresponding essential requirements set out in Union harmonisation legislation from the date of publication of the reference of such standard in the *Official Journal of the European Union*. This Decision should therefore enter into force on the day of its publication,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The references of harmonised standards for personal protective equipment drafted in support of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 listed in Annex I to this Decision are hereby published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

*Article 2*

The references of harmonised standards for personal protective equipment drafted in support of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 listed in Annex II to this Decision are hereby withdrawn from the *Official Journal of the European Union* as from the dates set out in that Annex.

*Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 18 May 2020.

*For the Commission*

*The President*

Ursula VON DER LEYEN

**Changes to legislation:** *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2020/668. (See end of Document for details)*

ANNEX I

| No | Reference of standard |
|---|---|
| 1. | EN 343:2019<br>Protective clothing – Protection against rain |
| 2. | EN 358:2018<br>Personal protective equipment for work positioning and prevention of falls from a height – Belts and lanyards for work positioning or restraint |
| 3. | EN 388:2016+A1:2018<br>Protective gloves against mechanical risks |
| 4. | EN 510:2019<br>Specification for protective clothing for use where there is a risk of entanglement with moving parts |
| 5. | EN 893:2019<br>Mountaineering equipment – Crampons – Safety requirements and test methods |
| 6. | EN 943-1:2015+A1:2019<br>Protective clothing against dangerous solid, liquid and gaseous chemicals, including liquid and solid aerosols – Part 1: Performance requirements for Type 1 (gas-tight) chemical protective suits |
| 7. | EN 943-2:2019<br>Protective clothing against dangerous solid, liquid and gaseous chemicals, including liquid and solid aerosols – Part 2: Performance requirements for Type 1 (gas-tight) chemical protective suits for emergency teams (ET) |
| 8. | EN 1073-1:2016+A1:2018<br>Protective clothing against solid airborne particles including radioactive contamination – Part 1: Requirements and test methods for compressed air line ventilated protective clothing, protecting the body and the respiratory tract |
| 9. | EN ISO 10819:2013<br>Mechanical vibration and shock – Hand-arm vibration – Measurement and evaluation of the vibration transmissibility of gloves at the palm of the hand (ISO 10819:2013)<br>EN ISO 10819:2013/A1:2019 |
| 10. | EN ISO 11393-2:2019<br>Protective clothing for users of hand-held chainsaws – Part 2: Performance |