I N F O – S e r v i c e

EN 353-1:2002: Procedure for re-examination as agreed by the German coordination group of the notified bodies for PPE against falls from a height

EN 353-1:2002 was removed from the list of harmonised standards for the Directive 89/686/EEC with the decision 2010/170/EU of the European Commission of 19.03.2010. This was due to the fact that the basic health and safety requirements of clauses 1.1.1, 1.4 and 3.1.2.2 of Annex II to Directive 89/686/EEC are not considered to be satisfied by this standard.

The German coordination group for notified bodies under the Directive 89/686/EEC developed a procedure for the re-evaluation of the PPE against falls from height which was certified on the basis of EN 353-1:2002. The group also worked on a solution for future tests of guided type fall arresters according to EN 353-1 and considers it as important to address a number of critical safety aspects for testing and certification. The German coordination group for notified bodies under the Directive 89/686/EEC conclude the following procedure:

1 Notified bodies do not keep or issue EC type examination certificates based solely on EN 353-1:2002.

2 Notified bodies will immediately review existing EC type examination certificates and inform the manufacturers about the specific risks using the table for a specific risk assessment (see ANNEX A). They require a statement in form of the completed specific risk assessment from the manufacturer about his measures within six weeks.

<u>If the Notified Body does not get any response from the manufacturer within the fixed period it has to withdraw the corresponding EC type examination certificate.</u>

3 The notified body evaluates the risk assessment of the manufacturer.

3a If the evaluation leads to the result that the product fulfils the basic safety and health requirements of the PPE directive, the notified body gives a written report with a justification and adapts or confirms the EC type examination certificate.

3b If the evaluation leads to the result that the product does not fully conform to the basic safety and health requirements of the PPE directive, the notified body has to carry out additional tests within three months after receiving the completed risk assessment of the manufacturer.

If the additional tests lead to the conclusion that the product fulfils the basic safety and health requirements of the PPE directive, the notified body gives a written report with a justification and adapts or renews the EC type examination certificate.

If the evaluation leads to the result that the product does not fulfil the basic safety and health requirements of the PPE-directive, the notified body has to withdraw the EC type examination certificate immediately.

For additional testing, the EC type examination of a new or a modified product the notified body has to take into account the requirements and test procedures of the “matrix about correlation” (see ANNEX B).