

## **SME Safety – Statutory Commitments**

- Safeguard the interests of European SMEs in the safety sector in the international regulatory and policy domain.
- Represent the interests of the organization's members vis-à-vis the European and international standardization bodies.
- Represent the stances of the members vis-à-vis the European and international institutions
- Inform members on the development of standards and legislation in the safety sector.

## **Draft International Standards ISO 17420 –Objectives of SME Safety**

- Pursue the adaptation of the current draft international standards (ISO 17420) in order to better suit SME manufacturers needs, in particular by a) considering the availability of testing facilities in Europe, b) ensuring interoperability among RPD components, c) setting minimum safety requirements, thus, avoiding unnecessary mandatory testing.
- Promote the publication and voluntary use of international standards on RPD with the objectives of harmonizing regulatory requirements among different regions and, thus, facilitating international exports. The use of these international standards should remain voluntary and not be associated with legal requirements.
- Maintain the current European standards (EN) as reference provided in the Official Journal of the EU for presumption of conformity with EU legislation (eg PPE Directive). Thus, oppose the immediate replacement of the set of current EN standards with the proposed ISO 17420.
- Pursue a revision of the EN standards by CEN in order to progressively adapt them to the new international standards (ISO 17420)
- Subject to accomplishment the above points, promote the replacement of the EN standards with international standards as means to demonstrate compliance with EU legislations (ie: adoption of ISO 17420 as EN standards)

## **About SME Safety**

SME Safety is the European association of Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) that manufacture safety products. SME Safety is an interest group active in the EU policy and standardization debate and promotes the interests of European SMEs in the safety sector.

The members of SME Safety are:

- BartelsRieger Atemschutztechnik GmbH & Co. KG - GERMANY
- EKASTU Safety GmbH - GERMANY
- DPI srl - ITALY
- Kasco Srl - ITALY
- MILLA Srl - ITALY
- Spasciani Spa - ITALY
- Spring Protezione Srl – ITALY
- Spiroptic Kft - HUNGARY
- Malina-Safety s.r.o. - CZECH REPUBLIC
- Valmy SAS – FRANCE
- 3L Internacional SA - SPAIN
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