


# SBS sectoral approach on PPE and Textile Care standardisation

Representing SME interests in the setting of EU regulation and standards

SBS Forum on PPE and Textile Care standardisation

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Economic  
importance of SMEs



Underrepresentation of  
SMEs in standardisation



Legislative Framework  
Regulation (EU) 1025/2012



Establishment of




# Mission of SBS

1. represent the interests of SMEs in the standardisation process at European level
2. raise their awareness about standardisation and its benefits
3. support their involvement in the standardisation process



# Sectors covered by SBS



Construction  
Cosmetics  
**Respiratory Devices**  
Electrical Installations  
Ergonomics  
Furniture  
ICT  
Insulation material  
Lifts  
Machinery  
Management  
**Occupational Health  
and Safety**  
Pyrotechnic



Road Vehicles  
**Textiles and footwear**  
Tourism  
Transport systems and  
navigation  
Welding  
Wood



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Support SMEs that manufacture, distribute and maintain PPE as well as hygiene and sterilisation services for textiles and medical devices.

- European PPE market is estimated to be over €10 billion
- Protective clothing and gloves are the “predominant textile-based sectors” of the PPE market in Europe
- ~200,000 jobs linked to the PPE and Textile Care industry
- Mostly SMEs - operating at local level in a rapidly expanding market
- Evolving EU regulatory framework

# DTV - Deutsche Textilreinigungs-Verband



German SME association whose mission is to represent the interests of its members vis-à-vis society, politics and trade unions.

Among the 800 members of DTV 97% are SMEs with an average size of 30 employees.

The members represent a wide variety of companies active in the textile care industry from a traditional small drycleaner up to a professional medium-sized textile service company.

# SME Safety



The European association SMEs that manufacture safety products.

SME Safety is an interest group active in the EU policy and standardisation debate and promotes the interests of European SMEs in the safety sector.

SME Safety was established in 2013 by founding members from the following countries: Germany, Italy, France, Spain and Czech Republic.

# Main activities/1

Analysis of SME-relevant matters concerning the implementation of the PPE Regulation and Medical Devices Regulation



- EC PPE Working Group
- CEN-CENELEC PPE Sector Forum
- CEN-CENELEC Advisory Board for Healthcare Standards

# Main activities/2

Engaging with national SME associations and SMEs to develop sectoral positions

**SBS POSITION ON VALIDITY OF TEST REPORTS  
FOR THE ISSUING OF EU-TYPE EXAMINATION CERTIFICATES**

March 2018



## **PPE REGULATION GUIDELINES**

**GUIDE TO APPLICATION OF REGULATION (EU) 2016/425 OF THE  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL OF 9 MARCH  
2016 ON PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND REPEALING  
COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 89/686/EEC**



# Main activities/3

## Elaboration of technical information and dissemination of SME-targeted information

### PPE & TEXTILE CARE

#### Delays possible for availability of harmonised standards supporting the PPE Regulation

During the Committee on Standards meeting on 15 October 2018, the European Commission, Member States, CEN-CENELEC and Annex III organisations discussed the issuing of a new personal protective equipment (PPE) standardisation request. This request is vital for launching the development of a series of standards which will support the new PPE Regulation (EU) 2017/425. The Commission offered reassuring words about the transparency, predictability and legal certainty of this standardisation request. However, several Member States opposed the proposal, calling for the Commission to clarify whether Member States will be able to modify the standardisation request according to their regulatory needs. This has resulted in an unfortunate situation, whereby SMEs and other economic operators potentially face a lack of harmonised standards in the PPE sector. At the 15 October meeting, SBS voiced aloud the SME community's concerns, but will keep monitoring the developments. At best, this situation could lead to a vote on the PPE standardisation request before the end of 2018.



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#### News

First SME Forum on PPE and Textile Care standardisation  
October 18, 2018

SME Safety nominated Official Partner of the EU-OSHA Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2018/2019 on Dangerous Substances  
June 20, 2018

New PPE guidelines for textile care reprocessors  
May 04, 2018

Availability of standards under the new PPE regulatory framework  
April 30, 2018

Joint position paper from industry representatives on the validity of test reports under the PPE Regulation  
March 09, 2018

### NEWS AUS DER TEXTILPFLEGEBRANCHE



#### Liste von harmonisierten M... im Rahmen des neuen PSA Regelwerks veröffentlicht

Am 27. März 2018 wurde im Amtsblatt der Europäischen Union die erste Referenzliste der harmonisierten Europäischen Normen (hEN) im Rahmen der neuen Verordnung über persönliche Schutzausrüstung (PSA) veröffentlicht.

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#### Availability of standards under the new PPE regulatory framework

On 27th of March 2018, the first list of references of harmonised European standards (hENs) under the new PPE Regulation (EU) 2017/425 was published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

# Main activities/4

Organising SBS PPE and Textile Care Forum and free seminars for SMEs





# Thank you for your attention

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