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Foreword

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Introduction

For safety reasons it is vital that personnel who intend to use personal protective equipment (PPE) and other equipment to control the potential fall related risks associated with access, climbing, and working at height are aware of how to use that equipment properly. It is essential that personnel are trained, assessed as competent and are given written instructions which enables them to select, use, maintain and carry out periodic examinations on PPE or other equipment correctly, and to be aware of the limitations, precautions and the dangers of misuse.

This document is intended to act as a common reference and general requirement standard for existing documents covering PPE and other equipment for protection against falls from a height.

This revision has effectively revised the scope, and has published a more comprehensive list of requirements to reflect the increased range of PPE and other equipment for protection against falls from a height, which has become available in the market place since the standard's original inception in 1992. General requirements for packaging are also included.

1 Scope

This document specifies the minimum general requirements for instructions for use, maintenance, periodic examination, repair, marking and packaging of PPE, which includes body holding devices, and other equipment used in conjunction with a body holding device, to prevent falls, for access, egress and work positioning, to arrest falls and for rescue.

This document is not intended to cover:

- 1) specific requirements that are only relevant to the particular PPE or other equipment for protection against falls from a height and its use, which should be specified in the relevant document;
- 2) PPE or other equipment for protection against falls from a height used in any sports or recreational activity.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 361, *Personal protective equipment against falls from a height — Full body harnesses*.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

maintenance

act of keeping PPE or other equipment in a safe working condition by preventative actions such as cleaning and providing suitable storage

3.2

periodic examination

act of periodically carrying out an in-depth examination of the PPE or other equipment for defects, e.g. damage or wear

3.3

competent person for periodic examination

person who is knowledgeable of the current periodic examination requirements, recommendations and instructions issued by the manufacturer applicable to the relevant component, subsystem or system

NOTE 1 This person should be capable of identifying and assessing the significance of defects, should initiate the corrective action to be taken and should have the necessary skills and resources to do so.

NOTE 2 A competent person may need to be trained by the manufacturer or his authorised representative on specific PPE or other equipment, e.g. due to its complexity or innovation, or where safety critical knowledge is needed in the dismantling, reassembly, or assessment of the PPE or other equipment, and may need to have that training updated due to modifications and upgrades.

NOTE 3 A person may be competent to carry out periodic examinations on one particular model of PPE or other equipment or may be competent to examine several models.