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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2026/1971

of 3 September 2026

amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1279 as regards the harmonised standards for protective gloves for hairdressers, protective clothing against rain, and eye and face protection for occupational use drafted in support of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council

(Text with EEA relevance)

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 Commission Implementing Decision C(2020)7924 ⁽³⁾, the Commission made a request to the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (Cenelec) to revise and to complete the work on harmonised standards in support of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 to ensure that they continue to reflect the generally acknowledged state of the art in order to meet the essential health and safety requirements set out in Annex II to that Regulation.
- (3) Implementing Decision C(2020)7924 has been amended by Commission Implementing Decision C(2024)2750 ⁽⁴⁾ and Commission Implementing Decision C(2026)2132 ⁽⁵⁾, in order to adapt the scope of the request by adding and removing certain standards to take into account the latest technical and scientific progress, as well as the latest developments of standardisation activities at international and European levels, and to extend the deadline of standardisation activities in relation to certain standards and draft standards as the work on some of them could not be completed by the deadlines set out in Implementing Decision C(2020)7924.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 316, 14.11.2012, p. 12, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2012/1025/oj>.

⁽²⁾ 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 (OJ L 81, 31.3.2016, p. 51, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/425/oj>).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Decision C(2020)7924 of 19 November 2020 on a standardisation request to the European Committee for Standardization and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization as regards personal protective equipment in support of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Decision C(2024)2750 of 29 April 2024 amending Implementing Decision C(2020)7924 on a standardisation request to the European Committee for Standardization and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization as regards personal protective equipment in support of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Implementing Decision C(2026)2132 of 8 April 2026 amending Implementing Decision C(2020)7924 on a standardisation request to the European Committee for Standardization and the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization as regards personal protective equipment in support of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

- (4) On the basis of the request set out in Implementing Decision C(2020)7924, CEN drafted harmonised standard EN ISO 374-6:2025 on protective gloves for hairdressers.
- (5) On the basis of the request set out in Implementing Decision C(2020)7924, CEN revised harmonised standard EN 343:2019 on protective clothing against rain, the reference to which is published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1279 ⁽⁶⁾. As a result, CEN adopted the harmonised standard EN ISO 24232:2025.
- (6) Furthermore, on the basis of the request set out in Implementing Decision C(2020)7924, CEN amended the following harmonised standards, the references to which are published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1279: EN ISO 16321-1:2022 on eye and face protection for occupational use and EN ISO 16321-3:2022 on mesh protectors. As a result, CEN adopted the following amendments: EN ISO 16321-1:2022/A1:2025 and EN ISO 16321-3:2022/A1:2026.
- (7) The Commission, together with CEN, has assessed whether EN ISO 374-6:2025, EN ISO 16321-1:2022/A1:2025, EN ISO 16321-3:2022/A1:2026 and EN ISO 24232:2025 comply with the request set out in Implementing Decision C(2020)7924.
- (8) The following harmonised standards and the amendments thereto satisfy the essential health and safety requirements which they aim to cover and which are set out in Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2016/425: EN ISO 374-6:2025, EN ISO 16321-1:2022/A1:2025, EN ISO 16321-3:2022/A1:2026 and EN ISO 24232:2025. It is therefore appropriate to publish the references of those harmonised standards and of the amendments thereto in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (9) Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1279 provides references to harmonised standards conferring a presumption of conformity with Regulation (EU) 2016/425. In order to ensure that the references to harmonised standards drafted in support of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 are listed in one act, the references of those standards and of the amendments thereto should be included in that Annex.
- (10) It is necessary to withdraw the references to harmonised standards EN 343:2019, EN ISO 16321-1:2022 and EN ISO 16321-3:2022 from the *Official Journal of the European Union*, given that those standards have been amended. It is therefore appropriate to delete those references from Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1279.
- (11) It is also necessary to withdraw the references to harmonised standards EN 144-1:2000 as amended by EN 144-1:2000/A1:2003 and EN 144-1:2000/A2:2005, EN 144-2:1998, EN 144-3:2003 as amended by EN 144-3:2003/AC:2003 on outlet and thread connections for gas cylinder valves, and EN 148-1:1999 on threads for facepieces from the *Official Journal of the European Union*, given that the harmonised standards are outdated and the citation of the new versions is not expected as they do not form part of Commission Implementing Decision C(2020)7924. It is therefore appropriate to delete these references from Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1279.
- (12) In order to give manufacturers sufficient time to prepare for the application of the revised standards, it is necessary to defer the withdrawal of the references to harmonised standards EN 343:2019, EN ISO 16321-1:2022 and EN ISO 16321-3:2022.

⁽⁶⁾ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1279 of 12 June 2026 on harmonised standards for personal protective equipment drafted in support of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/941 (OJ L, 2026/1279, 16.6.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2026/1279/oj).

- (13) Harmonised standards EN 12941:1998 as amended by EN 12941:1998/A1:2003 and EN 12941:1998/A2:2008 on powered filtering devices incorporating a helmet or a hood, and EN 12942:1998 as amended by EN 12942:1998/A1:2002 and EN 12942:1998/A2:2008 on powered filtering devices incorporating full face masks, half masks or quarter masks, have been revised by CEN and their references have been included in Annex II to Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1279. In accordance with that Annex, they are withdrawn on 8 October 2026. The new versions of the standards, EN 12941:2023 and EN 12942:2023, require the use of SF₆ gas for the inward leakage test, and only a very limited number of notified bodies are able to perform it, resulting in longer times to process manufacturer's applications to review the EU type examination certificates. Therefore, to give more time to the market to adapt to the new test procedure, it would be appropriate to postpone the date of withdrawal of harmonised standards EN 12941:1998 as amended by EN 12941:1998/A1:2003 and EN 12941:1998/A2:2008, and EN 12942:1998 as amended by EN 12942:1998/A1:2002 and EN 12942:1998/A2:2008 for an additional year. While EN 12941:2023 and EN 12942:2023 bring significant changes to some of the applicable essential requirements, this postponement is not expected to have a detrimental effect on the safety levels of the concerned products. The rows in Annex II to Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1279 concerning the harmonised standards EN 12941:1998 as amended by EN 12941:1998/A1:2003 and EN 12941:1998/A2:2008, and EN 12942:1998 as amended by EN 12942:1998/A1:2002 and EN 12942:1998/A2:2008 should therefore be replaced.
- (14) Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1279 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (15) 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 enter into force on the day of its publication.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1279 is amended as follows:

- (1) Annex I is amended in accordance with Annex I to this Decision;
- (2) Annex II is amended in accordance with Annex II to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 3 September 2026.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX I

Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1279 is amended as follows:

- (1) rows 6, 7, 8, 10, 18, 173 and 175 are deleted;
- (2) the following rows are inserted in sequential order:

No	Reference of the standard
'39a.	EN ISO 374-6:2025 Protective gloves against dangerous chemicals and micro-organisms – Part 6: Protective gloves for hairdressers (ISO 374-6:2025);
'173a.	EN ISO 16321-1:2022 Eye and face protection for occupational use – Part 1: General requirements (ISO 16321-1:2021) EN ISO 16321-1:2022/A1:2025;
'175a.	EN ISO 16321-3:2022 Eye and face protection for occupational use – Part 3: Additional requirements for mesh protectors (ISO 16321-3:2021) EN ISO 16321-3:2022/A1:2026 Notice: This standard makes reference to normative reference EN ISO 16321-1:2020, the date of which is incorrect. It shall be read as EN ISO 16321-1:2022 instead.;
'200a.	EN ISO 24232:2025 Protective clothing – Protection against rain (ISO 24232:2024)'.

ANNEX II

In Annex II to Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/1279, rows 13 and 14 are replaced by the following:

'13.	EN 12941:1998 Respiratory protective devices – Powered filtering devices incorporating a helmet or a hood – Requirements, testing, marking EN 12941:1998/A1:2003 EN 12941:1998/A2:2008	08.10.2027';
'14.	EN 12942:1998 Respiratory protective devices – Power assisted filtering devices incorporating full face masks, half masks or quarter masks – Requirements, testing, marking EN 12942:1998/A1:2002 EN 12942:1998/A2:2008	08.10.2027'.