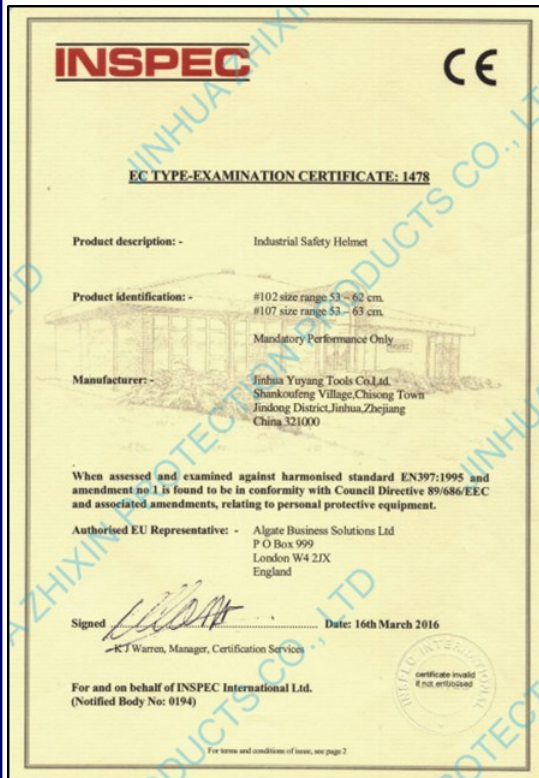


CE Certificate Checklist

Are you sure that your Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is legal and its supporting documentation is genuine and relates directly to the performance of the equipment?



Despite the best efforts of the market policing authorities and ourselves at the BSIF, there are still illegal items of PPE being placed on the market.

Counterfeit PPE and in particular, counterfeit supporting documentation are notably on the increase.

Well-known brands and notified bodies (authorised test houses) are being targeted and there are products being offered that make claims of compliance to BS, EN & ISO standards and offer dubious proof that this is the case.

Often these products do not perform as they should, endangering lives and exposing organisations to the risk of prosecution.

In addition to the work the BSIF have done through our Registered Safety Supplier Scheme – helping to signpost PPE users to reliable suppliers who are independently audited by the BSIF – we have established links with Government to highlight fake and incorrect supporting documentation and have these removed.

This guide offers advice on how to check if the supporting documentation for your PPE is genuine and what to do if you are concerned.

All PPE must be supplied with instructions for use and be appropriately tested and marked with a CE marking, it must also be supplied with a Declaration of Conformity or a link to a website where a Declaration of Conformity can be downloaded. Without these, the product is illegal to use as protective equipment in the workplace.

How easy is it to spot a counterfeit, illegal or incorrect CE certificate?

You can – and probably should – request to see the CE Certificate relating to any PPE, and whilst it is not a legal requirement for suppliers to provide this many will be happy to show that their products comply and have been certified.

They MUST provide the Declaration of Conformity in any case.



CE Certificate Checklist

Checklist	Yes	No
Does the certificate contain a certificate number or reference and a statement that it remains the property of the notified body?		
Does the certificate clearly contain the notified body's name and number (4 digits – i.e. 0123)?		
Does the certificate include a signature/name of individual certifying the product on behalf of the notified body?		
Is the notified body from within the EU? There are few Non-EU notified bodies, so please exercise caution		
Does the certificate show a date of issue (will usually be dated after April 29 th 2018)?		
Does the certificate show a date of expiry (will be maximum of 5 years from the date of issue)?		
Does the certificate state that the PPE certified is in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/425?		
Does the certificate include the full name and address of the Manufacturer?		
Does the certificate contain a clear description of the product(s) certified, including model references, specifications and test report references?		
Does the certificate include a full list of the terms and conditions (often provided as an additional page or a link to a webpage)?		
Are there any indications that the certificate has been tampered with (different fonts, font sizes, colour changes etc.)?		

If you have answered 'No' to one or more of the first 10 questions and/or yes to the last question then you should immediately contact the PPE supplier for advice.

You can also contact the notified body relating to any certificate and confirm its authenticity. A list of notified bodies within the EU and the product risk category they are scoped for, can be viewed via the following link; <https://ec.europa.eu/growth/tools-databases/nando/index.cfm?>

Declaration of Conformity

The Declaration of Conformity is another piece of supporting documentation that has seen a substantial increase in dubious/counterfeit content finding its way onto the market.

The Declaration of Conformity is not a quality certificate or guarantee of safety; it is instead a declaration by the manufacturer that the PPE specified on the Declaration of Conformity complies with the requirements of the relevant legislation – which for PPE is the (EU) PPE Regulation 2016/425.

The Declaration must include certain information and be issued by the manufacturer of the PPE; on the next page, we provide a checklist for assessment of any Declaration of Conformity.



Declaration of Conformity – Checklist

Checklist	Yes	No
Does the declaration state a description of the PPE concerned, including the product reference, type of PPE & batch or serial number?		
Does the declaration state the manufacturers name and full address and/or where appropriate their authorised representative?		
Does the declaration state that it is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer?		
Does the declaration state the object of the declaration – identifying the PPE for traceability purposes, (a colour image may be included)?		
Does the declaration state that this PPE is in conformity with the relevant legislation (for PPE – (EU) PPE Regulation 2016/425)?		
Does the declaration detail the relevant harmonised standards that the PPE is compliant with, including the date of the standard?		
If not, does it refer to other technical specifications, including the date of the specification to which conformity is declared?		
Does the declaration detail the notified body who performed the EU type examination (module B)? This must be referenced both Name & Number		
Does the declaration detail all the relevant EU type certificate reference numbers?		
If applicable, does the declaration state that the PPE is subject to a conformity assessment procedure (Module C2 or Module D)?		
If applicable, does the declaration state the details of the notified body who provides the surveillance of the conformity assessment procedure?		
Does the declaration carry a signature and/or description of the individual at the manufacturer responsible for issuing the declaration?		

If you have answered 'No' to any of the above questions, or have not been provided with a Declaration of Conformity then you should raise this with the supplier of the PPE or the listed Manufacturer/Authorised representative.

It is worth highlighting that there are numerous organisations globally who offer conformance documentation based upon their own assessment of the products concerned.

These documents should not be mistaken for either CE Certification or Declarations of Conformity and it is recommended that careful assessment of the wording of documents should be undertaken before accepting them as proof of compliance. Look out for 'Verification of Conformance', 'Conformance Certificate' or similar wording.

If you are still uncertain, please feel free to contact the team at BSIF either by calling 01442 248744 or emailing enquiries@bsif.co.uk and we will do our best to help.

Certificate of Compliance 

No. 3N200310.AHT0023
Test Report no. MICEZ-2003-0276-PPE

Certificate's Holder: Anhui Huayang Technology Co., Ltd.
The second floor of A7 #1, Shuangchuang Industrial Park, 800 Wencui Road, High-Tech Zone, Luzhou City, Anhui Province

Certification ECM Mark: 

Product: Mask
Model(s): JC-001A

Verification to: Standard: EN 149:2001+A1:2009
related to CE Directive(s): R 2016/425 (Personal Protective Equipment)

Remark: The product(s) has been verified on a voluntary basis. The product(s) satisfies the requirements of the Certification Mark of ECM in reference to the above listed Standard(s). The above Compliance Mark can be affixed on the product(s) according to the ECM regulation about its release and its use. The regulation can be found at www.entecema.it. This Certificate of Compliance cannot be checked for validity at www.entecema.it. This verification doesn't imply assessment of the production of the product(s).

CE Additional information, clarification about the CE Marking:
We affirm that a TCF for the CE Marking process is in place. However, the Manufacturer is Responsible to state the CE Marking Certification Procedure through an appointed notified body and the placement of the necessary details, as required by the Directive and accepted by the Notified Body, before placing the CE Mark on the product(s).

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