

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

89/686/EEC Directive



The 89/686/EEC Directive, modified by the 93/68/EEC, 93/95/EEC and 96/58/EC directives, applies to personal protection equipments designed to be worn or held by an individual for protection against one or more health and safety hazard: headphones, aural inserts, aqualungs, anti-fall devices, etc.

PPE also covers:

- a unit made by several devices or appliances which have been integrally combined by the manufacturer for the protection of an individual against one or more potentially simultaneous risks;
- a protective device or appliance combined, separably or inseparable, with personal non-protective equipment worn or held by an individual for the execution of a specific activity;
- interchangeable PPE components which are essential to its satisfactory functioning and used exclusively for such equipments.

Besides the PPE Directive consider, any system placed on the market in conjunction with a PPE for its connection to another external, additional device: this is regarded as an integral part of that equipment even if the system is not intended to be worn or held permanently by the user for the entire period of risk exposure.

The PPE are classified on 3 categories:

Category I

PPE of simple design, where the designer assumes the user can himself assess the level of protection provided against the minimal risks concerned whose effects (when they are gradual) can be safely identified by the user in proper time.

Category II

This category covers all PPE not mentioned under category I or category III.

Category III

PPE of complex design intended to protect against mortal danger or against dangers that may seriously and irreversibly harm the health the immediate effects of which are evaluated by

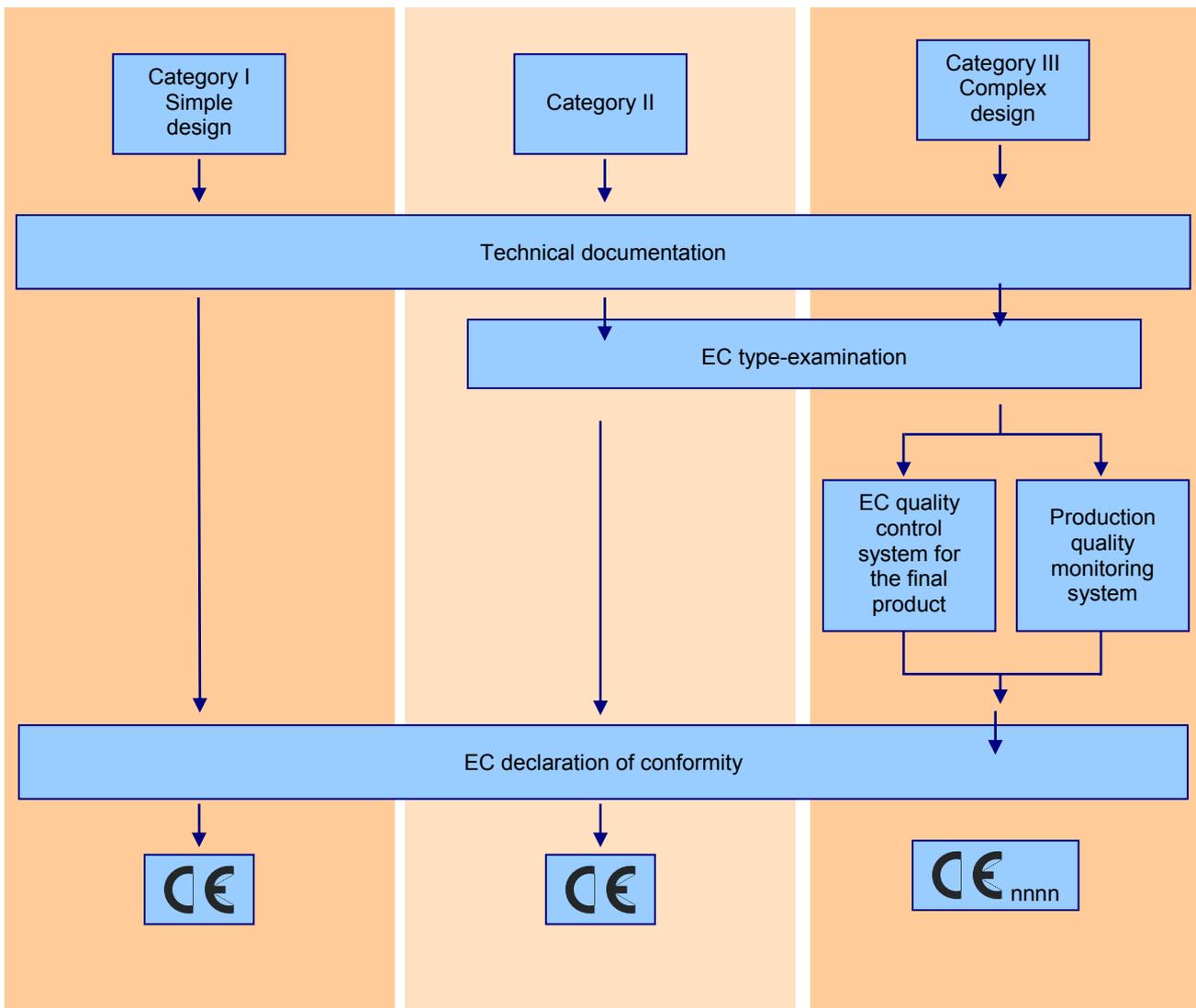
the designer as impossible to be identified by the user in proper time.

The manufacturers of PPE that are in compliance with the Essential Requirements of Health and Safety

of the Annex II of the directive 89/686/EEC can:

- affix the "CE" mark;
- issue the EC declaration conformity.
- put the products on the EU market.

Certification path



nnnn: identification number of the Notified Body

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