



COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) 2025/286

of 13 February 2025

amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/941 as regards the harmonised standards for hearing protectors, personal fall protection equipment and eye and face protection equipment, 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⁾ 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 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.

- (4) On the basis of the request set out in Implementing Decision C(2020)7924 as amended by Implementing Decision C(2024)2750, CEN revised the following harmonised standards, the references of which are published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/941 ⁽⁵⁾: EN 352-6:2020 on earmuffs with safety-related audio input, EN 352-8:2020 on entertainment audio earmuffs, EN 352-9:2020 on earplugs with safety-related audio input, EN 352-10:2020 on entertainment audio earplugs and EN 813:2008 on sit harnesses.
- (5) As a result, CEN adopted the following standards and the amendments thereto: EN 352-6:2020+A1:2024, EN 352-8:2020+A1:2024, EN 352-9:2020+A1:2024, EN 352-10:2020+A1:2024 and EN 813:2024.
- (6) The Commission, together with CEN, has assessed whether the standards and the amendments thereto, comply with the request set out in Implementing Decision C(2020)7924.
- (7) 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 Regulation (EU) 2016/425: EN 352-6:2020+A1:2024, EN 352-8:2020+A1:2024, EN 352-9:2020+A1:2024, EN 352-10:2020+A1:2024 and EN 813:2024. It is therefore appropriate to publish the references of those harmonised standards and amendments thereto in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
- (8) Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/941 provides the references of harmonised standards conferring a presumption of conformity with Regulation (EU) 2016/425. In order to ensure that the references of 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.
- (9) It is necessary to withdraw the reference of harmonised standards EN 352-6:2020, EN 352-8:2020, EN 352-9:2020, EN 352-10:2020 and EN 813:2008 from the *Official Journal of the European Union*, given that those standards have been revised. It is therefore appropriate to delete these references from Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/941.
- (10) It is also necessary to withdraw the reference of harmonised standard EN 175:1997 on equipment for eye and face protection during welding and allied processes from the *Official Journal of the European Union*, given that this standard has been withdrawn by CEN and replaced by EN ISO 16321-2:2021 the reference of which is published by Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/941.
- (11) Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/941 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (12) In order to give manufacturers sufficient time to prepare for the application of the revised standard, it is necessary to defer the withdrawal of the reference of harmonised standards EN 175:1997, EN 352-6:2020, EN 352-8:2020, EN 352-9:2020, EN 352-10:2020 and EN 813:2008.
- (13) 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

Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/941 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/941 of 2 May 2023 on harmonised standards for personal protective equipment drafted in support of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 125, 11.5.2023, p. 37, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2023/941/oj).

Article 2

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

However, point (1) of the Annex to this Decision shall apply from 11 November 2025 and point (2) of the Annex to this Decision shall apply from 14 August 2026.

Done at Brussels, 13 February 2025.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX

Annex I to Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/941 is amended as follows:

- (1) row 14 is deleted;
- (2) rows 25, 27, 28, 29 and 63 are deleted;
- (3) the following rows are inserted in sequential order:

'25a.	EN 352-6:2020+A1:2024 Hearing protectors – Safety requirements – Part 6: Earmuffs with safety-related audio input';
'27a.	EN 352-8:2020+A1:2024 Hearing protectors – Safety requirements – Part 8: Entertainment audio earmuffs';
'28a.	EN 352-9:2020+A1:2024 Hearing protectors – Safety requirements – Part 9: Earplugs with safety-related audio input';
'29a.	EN 352-10:2020+A1:2024 Hearing protectors – Safety requirements – Part 10: Entertainment audio earplugs';
'63–a.	EN 813:2024 Personal fall protection equipment – Sit harnesses'.