

ANNEX I

RISK CATEGORIES OF PPE

This Annex lays down the categories of risk against which PPE is intended to protect users.

Category I

Category I includes exclusively the following minimal risks:

- (a) superficial mechanical injury;
- (b) contact with cleaning materials of weak action or prolonged contact with water;
- (c) contact with hot surfaces not exceeding 50 °C;
- (d) damage to the eyes due to exposure to sunlight (other than during observation of the sun);
- (e) atmospheric conditions that are not of an extreme nature.

Category II

Category II includes risks other than those listed in Categories I and III;

Category III

Category III includes exclusively the risks that may cause very serious consequences such as death or irreversible damage to health relating to the following:

- (a) substances and mixtures which are hazardous to health;
 - (b) atmospheres with oxygen deficiency;
 - (c) harmful biological agents;
 - (d) ionising radiation;
 - (e) high-temperature environments the effects of which are comparable to those of an air temperature of at least 100 °C;
 - (f) low-temperature environments the effects of which are comparable to those of an air temperature of – 50 °C or less;
 - (g) falling from a height;
 - (h) electric shock and live working;
 - (i) drowning;
 - (j) cuts by hand-held chainsaws;
 - (k) high-pressure jets;
 - (l) bullet wounds or knife stabs;
 - (m) harmful noise.
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