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**MANDATE TO CEN CONCERNING THE EXECUTION OF
STANDARDIZATION WORK, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF DIRECTIVE
89/686/CEE RELATING TO PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, FOR
THE PURPOSE OF REVISING STANDARD EN 795 "PROTECTION AGAINST
FALLS FROM A HEIGHT – ANCHOR DEVICES – REQUIREMENTS AND
TESTINGS**

1. GROUNDS

By mandate, the Commission required of CEN to establish a standard relating to anchor devices for protection against falls from a height. This standard was established and carries the reference EN 795. It was adopted by CEN on March 29, 1996

Following a in-depth study, it appeared that this EN standard covers both personal protective equipment corresponding to the definition given in Article 1(2) and (3) of Directive 89/686/EEC and equipment not corresponding to that definition

With a view to effectiveness, account should already be taken, pending amendment of the standard, of the shortcomings identified, which, however, do not affect the personal protective equipment covered by standard EN 795.

Consequently, the reference of this standard was published in the Official Journal of the European Communities C 140 of February 12, 2000, p. 7, accompanied by an appropriate warning, highlighting which parts of the said standard relate to personal protective equipment and which parts relate to other equipment.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE MANDATED WORK.

CEN must carry out a revision of standard EN 795 and of its amendment EN 795/A1 dated October 2000, taking account the warning accompanying the publication of the reference of this standard.

To this end, the standard could be divided into various parts in order to take account of parts relating to personal protective equipment and of parts relating to other equipment.

This would make the publication in the OJEC clearer and would guaranty a greater transparency for the users of the standard.

3. EXECUTION OF MANDATE

3.1. CEN will ensure that the working group in charge of this mandate will work proficiency. At the end of the working group's work, the technical committee will have to deliver its opinion on this work within three months. CEN will make sure that no delay occurs because of translations.

3.2. CEN will submit a project of revision of standard (stage 40) to the Commission before the 1st of July 2002.

3.3. The European standard (EN) will have to be adopted by CEN before the 1st of January 2004. On this date, the three linguistic versions (DE, EN, FR) will have to be available, as well as the correct titles in the other languages of the Community.

3.4. The adopted European standards will have to be transposed in national standards and the divergent national standards will have to be withdrawn from the catalogues of the national organisations of standardisation in the Member States, within six months following the adoption of the European standards.

3.5. Acceptance by CEN of this mandate of standardisation will open the period of statu quo referred to in to article 7 of directive 98/34/EC¹ of June 22, 1998.

¹ OJ L 204, 21.07.98, p.37, amended by directive 98/48/EC (OJ L 217, 5/8/98, p. 18)