

Is it Genuine? - 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/Approved Bodies 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 commit to provide only compliant PPE and are audited on an annual basis by the BSIF, we have also

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.

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

All PPE must be supplied with instructions for use and be appropriately tested and marked with a relevant conformity mark - UKCA for Great Britain and UKNI or CE for Northern Ireland. PPE must also be supplied with User Instructions and 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 (please note until January 2022 conformity assessment under the CE regime remains acceptable in GB).

You can – and should – request to see the Certification 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 User Instructions and Declaration of Conformity in any case.

There are a number of pieces of information that must be included on any certificate and, if these are not evident, then you should be suspicious of the claims made. We provide a checklist for these pieces of information on the next page of this guide. We also look at what should be included on a Declaration of Conformity.



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?		
If CE Marked is the notified body from within the EU? There are few Non-EU notified bodies, so please exercise caution		
IF UKCA or UKNI Marked is the Approved Body from within the UK? There are currently no Approved Body's based outside of the UK		
Does the certificate show a date of issue and 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 PPE Regulation (EU) 2016/425 (for CE), Regulation 2016/425 on Personal Protective Equipment as brought into UK Law and amended (for England, Scotland and Wales) Regulation EU 2016/425 on Personal Protective Equipment for Northern Ireland?		
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 these questions and/or yes to the last question then you should immediately contact the PPE supplier for advice.

You can also contact the Notified or Approved 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?fuseaction=directive.notifiedbody&dir_id=155501

A list of Approved Bodies in the UK can be found via the following link

https://www.gov.uk/uk-market-conformity-assessment-bodies?uk_market_conformity_assessment_body_legislative_area%5B%5D=personal-protective-equipment

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. 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 - PPE Regulation (EU) 2016/425 (for CE), Regulation 2016/425 on Personal Protective Equipment as brought into UK Law and amended (for England, Scotland and Wales), Regulation EU 2016/425 on Personal Protective Equipment (for Northern Ireland)?		
Does the declaration detail the relevant 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 or Approved Body who performed the EU/UKCA or UKNI type examination (module B)? This must be referenced by both Name & Number		
Does the declaration detail all the relevant EU or UKCA/UKNI 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 or Approved 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.



Examples of conforming Documents—EU/CE

Certificate BSIF00125001

BSiF
BRITISH SAFETY INDUSTRY FEDERATION

AnySupply Ltd
1a High Street
Anyton
Anyshire *Please note - this is for demonstration purposes only - BSiF are not an Approved Body*
AN1 1NA

It is certified that the manufacturers technical files and the PPE products detailed on this certificate have been assessed and found to be in accordance with

PPE Regulation (EU) 2016/425
Module B, EU type-examination

Date of Issue: 01 April 2020 **Date of Expiry:** 31st March 2025

AS Safety Spectacle -300115

It is certified that the manufacturer's technical file and the above mentioned PPE have been assessed and found to meet the essential Health & Safety Requirements in Annex II of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 Personal Protective Equipment

Certification is based on technical file reference ASSS0012 and test results as detailed on following pages

Authorised by  **BSiF, Notified Body 0101**
BSiF House
Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
HP1 3AF England
www.bsif.co.uk

This certificate remains the Property of BSiF to whom it must be returned on request

Manufacturer name and address

Date of issue and expiry of certificate

Notified Body Signature

Certificate number

CE Mark (optional)

Regulation and reference to Module Examination

Code and description of PPE

Name/Address & number of Notified Body

Manufacturer name and address

Code and Description of PPE (Picture Optional)

Name/Address & number of Approved Bodies

Manufacturer Signatory

Declaration Number (Optional)

Regulation reference and Harmonised Standards

CE Certificate number

CE Mark

BSiF
BRITISH SAFETY INDUSTRY FEDERATION

EU Declaration of Conformity No. 0105123

This declaration of Conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer:

BSiF *Please note - this is for demonstration purposes only BSiF are not a Manufacturer*
BSiF House
Hemel Hempstead
Herts. HP1 3AF

Cov-R-All Chemical Protective Coverall C/w Hood
Code: **CRA100** – Category III PPE
Yellow – Size Ranges Small to XXXL
Various Batch Numbers apply



The product referenced in this Declaration satisfies the essential Health & Safety requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/425 Personal Protective Equipment

The product referenced in this declaration is issued in compliance with the following harmonised Standards

EN 13034:2005+A1:2009	Type 6 – Protection against reduced spray of liquid chemicals
EN ISO 13982-1:2004+A1:2010	Type 5 – Protection against hazardous particles
EN 14605:2005+A1:2009	Type 3 & 4 – Protection against liquid chemicals
EN 14605:2005+A1:2009	Type 3B/4B/5B/6B – Protection against biological hazards
EN 1149-5:2008	Electrostatic Properties – Performance requirements using EN1149-1:2006

EU Module B Type Certificate number: 5231105/1 Refers

EU type Examinations by: **SATRA Technology Europe Ltd**
Bracetown Business Park
Clonee, Dublin, D15 YN2P
Notified Body No: 2777

Module D QA Assessment by: **SATRA Technology Europe Ltd**
Bracetown Business Park
Clonee, Dublin, D15 YN2P
Notified Body No: 2777

Authorised and approved: 01/04/2020
Issued by: 

CE



Examples of conforming Documents—UKCA

Manufacturer name and address → AnySupply Ltd
1a High Street
Anyton
Anyshire
AN1 1NA

UKCA Mark → UKCA

Certificate number → 0101

Regulation and reference to Module Examination → Regulation 2016/425 on Personal Protective Equipment as brought into UK Law and Amended
Module B, UKCA type-examination

Date of issue and expiry of certificate → **Date of Issue:** 01 January 2021
Date of Expiry: 31st December 2025

Code and description of PPE → AS Safety Spectacle – 300115 (Clear) and 300116 (Smoke)

Approved body signature → Authorised by: [Signature]
BSIF, Approved Body 0101
BSIF House
Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
HP1 3AF England
www.bsif.co.uk

Name/Address & number of Notified Body → BSIF, Approved Body 0101
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Hemel Hempstead, Herts.
HP1 3AF England
www.bsif.co.uk

Manufacturer name and address → BSIF
BSIF House
Hemel Hempstead
Herts. HP1 3AF

Declaration Number (optional) → UKCA Declaration of Conformity No. 0105123

Regulation reference and Harmonised Standards → Regulation 2016/425 on Personal Protective Equipment as brought into UK Law and amended

Code and Description of PPE (Picture Optional) → Cov-R-All Chemical Protective Coverall C/w Hood
Code: CRA100 – Category III PPE
Yellow – Size Ranges Small to XXXL
Various Batch Numbers apply

Name/Address & number of Approved Bodies → BTTG Testing & Certification Ltd
Unit 14, Wheel Forge Way
Trafford Park, Manchester, M17 1EH
Approved Body No: 0338

UKCA Certificate number → UKCA Module B type Certificate number: 5231105/1 Refers

UKCA Mark → UKCA

Manufacturer signatory → Authorised and approved: 01/04/2020
Signed by: [Signature]



Examples of conforming Documents—UKNI

Manufacturer name and address

Certificate number

Date of issue and expiry of certificate

Approved body signature

UKNI Mark

Regulation and reference to Module Examination

Code and description of PPE

Name/Address & number of Notified Body

AnySupply Ltd
1a High Street
Anyton
Co Anyplace
BT1 1NA

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It is certified that the manufacturers technical files and the PPE products detailed on this certificate have been assessed and found to be in accordance with

Regulation EU 2016/425 on Personal Protective Equipment
Module B, UKNI type-examination

0101 **Date of Issue:** 01 January 2021 **Certificate:** BSIF00125001 **Date of Expiry:** 31st December 2025

AS Safety Spectacle – 300115 (Clear) and 300116 (Smoke)

It is certified that the manufacturer's technical file and the above mentioned PPE have been assessed and found to meet the essential Health & Safety Requirements in Annex II of Regulation EU 2016/425 on Personal Protective Equipment

In Compliance With Standard : BS EN 166:2002 Personal Eye Protection
PPE Category II
Protection against High-Speed Particles at extremes of temperature – Low Energy Impact
Protection against optical radiation – ultraviolet filters – EN 170 (Clear, Smoke oculars)
Resistance to surface damage by fine particles and fogging (Clear, Smoke oculars)
Ocular material – Polycarbonate
Frame material – Polycarbonate and TPR

It is certified that the manufacturer's technical file and the above mentioned PPE have been assessed and found to meet the essential Health & Safety Requirements in Annex II of Regulation EU 2016/425 on Personal Protective Equipment

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PPE Category II
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Protection against optical radiation – ultraviolet filters – EN 170 (Clear, Smoke oculars)
Resistance to surface damage by fine particles and fogging (Clear, Smoke oculars)
Ocular material – Polycarbonate
Frame material – Polycarbonate and TPR

Certification is based on technical file reference ASSS0012 and test results as detailed on following pages

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www.bsif.co.uk

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Manufacturer name and address

Code and Description of PPE (Picture Optional)

Name/Address & number of Approved Bodies

Manufacturer signatory

Declaration Number (optional)

Regulation reference and Harmonised Standards

UKNI Certificate number

UKNI Mark

UKNI Declaration of Conformity No. 0105123

This declaration of Conformity is issued under the sole responsibility of the manufacturer:

BSiF
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Code: **CRA100** – Category III PPE
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BS EN 14605:2005+A1:2009	Type 3 & 4 – Protection against liquid chemicals
BS EN 14126:2003	Type 3B/4B/5B/6B – Protection from biological hazards
BS EN 1149-5:2008	Electrostatic Properties – Performance requirements using EN1149-1:2006

UKNI Module B Type Certificate number: 5231105/1 Refers

UKNI type Examinations by: **BTTG Testing & Certification Ltd**
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Approved Body No: 0338

Module D QA Assessment by: **BTTG Testing & Certification Ltd**
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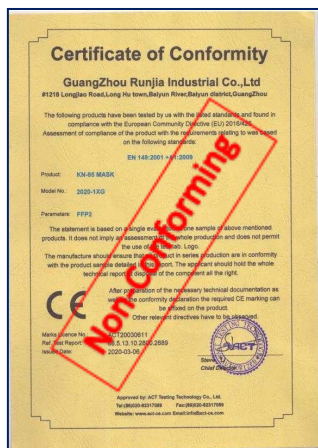
Authorised and approved: 01/04/2020
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Non Conforming Documents

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 CE/UKCA/UKNI 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.

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