

Council Directive of 30 November 1989 on the minimum health and safety requirements for the use by workers of personal protective equipment at the workplace (third individual directive within the meaning of Article 16 (1) of Directive 89/391/EEC) (89/656/EEC)

SECTION I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 2

Definition

1 For the purposes of this Directive, personal protective equipment shall mean all equipment designed to be worn or held by the worker to protect him against one or more hazards likely to endanger his safety and health at work, and any addition or accessory designed to meet this objective.

2 The definition in paragraph 1 excludes:

- a ordinary working clothes and uniforms not specifically designed to protect the safety and health of the worker;
- b equipment used by emergency and rescue services;
- c personal protective equipment worn or used by the military, the police and other public order agencies;
- d personal protective equipment for means of road transport;
- e sports equipment;
- f self-defence or deterrent equipment;
- g portable devices for detecting and signalling risks and nuisances.