

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1992 No. 2966

The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992

Assessment of personal protective equipment

6.—(1) Before choosing any personal protective equipment which by virtue of regulation 4 [^{F1}they are] required to ensure is provided, an employer or [^{F2}relevant self-employed person] shall ensure that an assessment is made to determine whether the personal protective equipment [^{F3}they intend] will be provided is suitable.

(2) The assessment required by paragraph (1) shall include—

- (a) an assessment of any risk or risks to health or safety which have not been avoided by other means;
- (b) the definition of the characteristics which personal protective equipment must have in order to be effective against the risks referred to in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph, taking into account any risks which the equipment itself may create;
- (c) comparison of the characteristics of the personal protective equipment available with the characteristics referred to in sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph.
- [^{F4}(d) an assessment as to whether the personal protective equipment is compatible with other personal protective equipment which is in use and which [^{F5}a worker] would be required to wear simultaneously.]

(3) Every employer or [^{F2}relevant self-employed person] who is required by paragraph (1) to ensure that any assessment is made shall ensure that any such assessment is reviewed if—

- (a) there is reason to suspect that it is no longer valid; or
- (b) there has been a significant change in the matters to which it relates,

and where as a result of any such review changes in the assessment are required, [^{F6}that] employer or [^{F2}relevant self-employed person] shall ensure that they are made.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 6 substituted (6.4.2022) by [The Personal Protective Equipment at Work \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/8\)](#), regs. 1, **6(d)**
- F2** Words in Regulations substituted (1.10.2015) by [The Deregulation Act 2015 \(Health and Safety at Work\) \(General Duties of Self-Employed Persons\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1637\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. para. 2(2)**
- F3** Words in reg. 6 substituted (6.4.2022) by [The Personal Protective Equipment at Work \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/8\)](#), regs. 1, **6(c)**
- F4** Reg. 6(2)(d) added (17.9.2002) by [The Health and Safety \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2174\)](#), regs. 1, **5(c)**
- F5** Words in reg. 6 substituted (6.4.2022) by [The Personal Protective Equipment at Work \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/8\)](#), regs. 1, **6(a)**
- F6** Word in reg. 6(3) substituted (1.10.2015) by [The Deregulation Act 2015 \(Health and Safety at Work\) \(General Duties of Self-Employed Persons\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1637\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. para. 2(4)**

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992, Section 6. (See end of Document for details)

Commencement Information

II [Reg. 6](#) in force at 1.1.1993, see [reg. 1](#)

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