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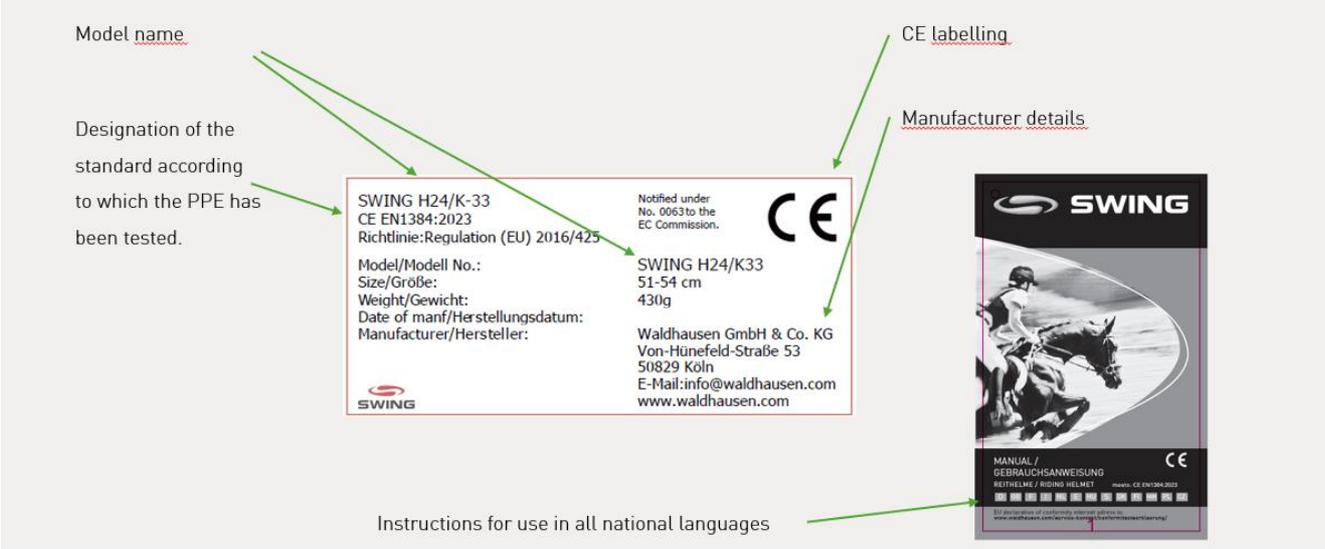
Ways out of the bureaucratic jungle - Regulations, norms & safety standards for riding helmets and body protectors

### The 'bureaucratic jungle' demystified

#### Definition PPE-Regulation (EU) 2016/425:

- It stands for the Regulation on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and sets out the general requirements for placing personal protective equipment (PPE) on the market in the European Union (EU).
- It stipulates that PPE products, such as helmets, protective waistcoats and back protectors, must fulfil the basic health and safety requirements:
  - Protects users from risks to their health and safety
  - Requires CE marking on PPE products that have been tested and certified according to harmonised EU standards.
  - Ensures that manufacturers, importers and distributors are responsible for ensuring that only safe products reach the market.

#### Labelling and instructions for use:



**Model name**

**Designation of the standard according to which the PPE has been tested.**

**CE labelling**

**Manufacturer details**

**Instructions for use in all national languages**

**The regulation brings together all the requirements that must be met for the manufacture and provision of PPE, leaving no individual EU country more room for interpretation.**

#### Key points for the retail:

- Declaration of conformity and CE labelling
- Product responsibility:
  - Dealers must ensure that the products are correctly labelled, and that the technical documentation is available.
  - Information on the obligations of dealers to pass on warnings or recalls.
- Inspection obligations:
  - Retailers must check whether the PPE complies with the standards and not sell the products if there are obvious defects or missing labelling

- Training and information:
  - Retailers should continuously inform themselves about the current requirements and changes to the regulation and ensure that their sales staff are trained accordingly.

**Goals of the regulation:**

- Safety and health protection for users!
- Harmonisation of PPE requirements throughout the EU
- Creation of a transparent market with clear standards

The most important Norms for riding helmets and safety vests

**DIN EN 1384:2023 – Norm for helmets:**

- Defines the safety standards for riding helmets that all riding helmets in Europe must meet in order to be sold
- This standard ensures that helmets provide optimum protection for the rider's head and reduce injuries in the event of falls or accidents:
  - Shock absorption
  - Chin strap and fit
  - Penetration resistance

**DIN EN 1621-2:2014 – The standard for back protectors in equestrian sports:**

- Originally developed for motorcyclists, this standard is also used in equestrian sports, cycling and skiing:
  - Level 1: Basic protection: usually thinner and lighter, but offers less protection.
  - Level 2: Significantly higher protection: have to absorb stronger impacts and allow less energy through.
- Important aspects: Shock absorption / Flexibility and Comfort / Material testing

**DIN EN 13158-2018 – The standard for safety vests in equestrian sports:**

- European standard for safety vests designed to protect the upper body in the event of riding accidents
- defines the requirements for the protective effect and design of safety vests:
  - Level 1: Basic protection, e.g. for jockeys
  - Level 2: Medium protection, is rarely/or not offered at all
  - Level 3: Maximum protection, when riding off-road, driving, show jumping or eventing under competitive conditions
- Important aspects: Protection of the upper body / Material requirements / Comfort and freedom of movement
- BETA-Standard (British Equestrian Trade Association) – British Additional Standard

Practical significance for retailers

**Why are standards important?**

- Security for the customer
- Confidence in the products
- Strong sales arguments

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