

Implications of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Product Conformance Programs for Standard Changes

The complexity of PPE product conformance programs varies across the globe. The complexity stems from the breadth and depth of local product performance standards and regulations, local testing capability, import/export laws, trade issues, enforcement, and liability sensitivities. The more complex and evolving programs create challenges for updating product performance standards. This presentation will compare and contrast several of the more complex product conformance systems for respiratory protection and the challenges that such systems present for the manufacturer, the consumer and the regulator when standards are updated/changed.