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ISO 16321-1	Clause 1, 2, & 4.1	EN ISO 16321-1:2020	ISO 16321-1:2020
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Annex ZA
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Relationship between this European Standard and the essential requirements of Regulation 2016/425 aimed to be covered

This European Standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardization request M/571 to provide one voluntary means of conforming to requirements of Regulation 2016/425.

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Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Annex II of Regulation 2016/425

Essential Requirements of Regulation	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks/Notes
1.1.1 Ergonomics	4.3; 7.2	
1.1.2 Level and classes of protection	6.2; 6.3.1; 6.3.2; 6.3.3; 6.3.4; 6.6; ; 7.1; 7.4; 7.10; 7.11; 7.14; 7.15; 7.16; 7.17; 7.18; 7.19; 7.20; 7.21	
1.2.1 Absence of risks and other 'inherent' nuisance factors	5.2, 6.1	
1.2.1.1 Suitable constituent materials	4.2	
1.2.1.2 Satisfactory surface condition of all PPE parts in contact with the user.	4.3	
1.2.1.3 Maximum permissible user impediment	5.1; 5.2; 5.3; 5.5; 6.1; 6.5; 6.7; 7.3	
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2.9 PPE incorporating components which can be adjusted or removed by the use	4.3	

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2.12 PPE bearing one or more identification markings or indicators directly or indirectly relating to health and safety	8	
2.14 "Multi risk" PPE	6; 7	This standard describes multiple types of risks. The EHSR is covered by the appropriate combination of requirements, associated with the risks corresponding to the intended use of the eye/face protector
3.1.1 Impact caused by falling or ejected objects and collision of parts of the body with obstacle	7.1; 7.4; 7.9; 7.10; 7.11	This standard does not cover requirements concerning prevention of injuries caused by collision of the face with obstacles.
3.6.1 PPE constituent materials and other components	6.3.2; 6.6; 7.5; 7.14; 7.19; 7.4; 7.10.2; 7.11.2	
3.6.2 Complete PPE ready for use	7.19; 6.3.2	
3.9.1 Non-ionising radiation	6; 7.1; 8; 9	
3.10.2 Protection against cutaneous and ocular contact	7.15; 7.16; 7.17; 7.18; 7.20	

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Introduction

The family of documents comprised of the ISO 16321 series, the ISO 18526 series and the ISO 18527 series was developed in response to the worldwide stakeholders' demand for minimum requirements and test methods for eye and face protectors traded internationally. ISO 4007 gives the terms and definitions for all the various product types. The test methods are given in the ISO 18526 series, while the requirements for occupational eye and face protectors are given in the ISO 16321 series. Eye protectors for specific sports are mostly dealt with by the ISO 18527 series. A guidance document, ISO 19734, for the selection, use and maintenance of eye and face protectors is under preparation.

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Eye and face protection for occupational use —

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This document specifies general requirements for eye and face protectors. These protectors are intended to provide protection for the eyes and faces of persons against one or more common occupational hazards such as impacts from flying particles and fragments, optical radiation, dusts, splashing liquids, molten metals, heat, flame, hot solids, harmful gases, vapours and aerosols.

Additional requirements for eye and face protectors used during welding and related techniques and for mesh protectors are given in ISO 16321-2 and ISO 16321-3, respectively.

This document applies to:

- all plano as well as corrective and prescription lensed protectors and components;
- those eye and face protectors used for occupational-type tasks that are performed similarly to an occupation, e.g. "do-it-yourself";
- those eye and face protectors used in educational establishments.

This document does not apply to:

- protectors specifically intended for protection against only solar radiation and used in non-occupational environments for which the ISO 12312 series applies;
- protectors for medically prescribed applications (not occupational), e.g. eye protection for severe dry eye, tints prescribed for medical conditions;
- patient eye protectors during diagnosis or treatment (e.g. ISO/TR 22463);
- protectors for use during medical or e.g. aesthetic applications, e.g. intense light sources (ILS) for which the ISO 12609 series applies;
- protectors specifically intended for sports for which the ISO 18527 series applies;
- laser protectors;
- face protectors intended for live-working to protect against short-circuit electric arcs for which IEC 62819 applies;
- protectors intended to protect against ionizing radiation, e.g. X-rays, for which IEC 61331-3 applies.

2 Normative references

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ISO/CIE 11664-1, *Colorimetry — Part 1: CIE standard colorimetric observers*