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

Essential Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/425	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of EN ISO 20349-2:2017	Remarks/Notes
1.1.1 Ergonomics	6, 7.1, 7.2	By reference to EN ISO 20345:2011
1.2.1.1 Innocuousness of PPE	6, 7.5	By reference to EN ISO 20345:2011
1.3.2 Lightness and strength	6, 7.3, 7.4	By reference to EN ISO 20345:2011
1.4 Information supplied by the manufacturer	9, Annex A of EN ISO 20349-2 :2017	
2.4. PPE subject to ageing	9	
2.6 PPE for use in potentially explosive atmospheres	6	By reference to EN ISO 20345:2011
2.12 PPE bearing one or more identification or recognition marks directly or indirectly relating to health and safety	8	
3.1.2.1 Prevention of falls due to slipping	6	By reference to EN ISO 20345:2011
3.2 Protection against static compression of a part of the body	6	By reference to EN ISO 20345:2011
3.3 Protection against mechanical injuries	6	By reference to EN ISO 20345:2011
3.6.1. PPE constituent materials and other components	7.4	No protection is foreseen for thermal effect of electrical arc
3.6.2. Complete PPE ready for use	7.3, 7.4	Including information given in Annex A of EN ISO 20349-2:2017
3.7 Protection against cold	6	By reference to EN ISO 20345:2011

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Essential Requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/425	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of EN ISO 20349-2:2017	Remarks/Notes
3.8.1 Insulating equipment	6, 9	By reference to EN ISO 20345:2011

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for footwear protecting users against risks, such as those encountered in welding and allied process.

Footwear complying with this document also offers other protection as defined in ISO 20345.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 20344:2011, *Personal protective equipment — Test methods for footwear*

ISO 20345:2011, *Personal protective equipment — Safety footwear*

EN 348, *Protective clothing — Determination of behaviour of materials on impact of small splashes of molten metal*

EN 15090:2012, *Foot wear for firefighters*

EN 50321:1999, *Electrical insulating foot wear for working on low voltage installations*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 20345 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

4 Classifications of footwear

Footwear shall be class I or class II as defined in [Table 1](#).