

Services offered by the INSST - CNMP¹ in the field of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)²

The text that follows is an adaptation of the CNMP document "*Servicios que ofrece el Centro Nacional de Medios de Protección, del Instituto Nacional de Seguridad y Salud en el Trabajo, como Organismo Notificado para actuar en el ámbito del Reglamento (UE) 2016/425 y como Laboratorio de ensayo (mayo 2022)*", written originally in Spanish and being the only one that has full validity.

The CNMP is a branch of the INSST, the specialized scientific-technical Institute of the Spanish Government whose mission³ is the study, promotion and contribution to the improvement of the Occupational Safety and Health Conditions. The CNMP activities includes those general entrusted to the INSST and, in addition to the Personal Protection Equipment issues, the OHS questions referred to Agriculture and Fisheries.

1 CNMP activities on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Among other activities, the CNMP deals with **occupational** PPE, namely in:

- Testing of PPE characteristics, in accordance with Harmonized European Standards;
- EU-type Examination (Module B)⁴;

on the following equipment:

Full body harnesses;
Sit harnesses;
Belts for work positioning and restraint;
Lanyards;
Energy absorbers;
Guided type fall arresters including a flexible anchor line;
Retractable type fall arresters;
Connectors;

Full face masks;
Half masks and quarter masks;
Filtering half masks;
Filters;

Safety Helmets;
Eye and face protectors;
Hearing protectors;
Protective gloves against mechanical, chemical and thermal risks.

Protective clothing against pesticides

High visibility Protective clothing (testing)

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² As Notified Body by the Spanish Government to the EU Commission to carry out conformity assessment according to the Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on personal protective equipment and repealing Council Directive 89/686/EEC

See: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32016R0425>

³ Law 31/1995, of 8 November, on Occupational Hazards Prevention. (BOE. nº 269, of 10 November). art. 8

⁴ Regulation(EU) 2016/425, Annex V

2 Service fees

The fees of the services are calculated as established in the OM of 6 March 1991⁵, considering two concepts:

- Administrative costs, established in 300,51 €, covering up to five different dossiers required in the same application, and
- Technical costs, that depends on the complexity of the actuation and which, for each dossier, will be evaluated in conformity with the price ranges included in the OM referred, i.e., 300,51 €, 601,07 €, 1202,15 € and 2103,77 €.

The costs due to any travelling by CNMP people to the premises of the Manufacturer, when necessary, will be charged separately from the expressed ones, in accordance with the OM referred.

In any case, a quotation will be established and submitted for its approval to the Applicant of the services.

3 Criteria for the actuations

3.1 Testing

If, during the testing operation, one negative result appears, the repetition of the test, only one time, or the conclusion of the proceeding could be considered. In any case, a new quotation of the technical costs will be produced, taking into account the variations aroused, and submitted to the Applicant for its approval.

3.2 EU-type examinations

The results of the previous tests applied by the CNMP will be used, for the same PPE type provided the relevant specifications have not suffered modification. It could, also, be used the results obtained by other Notified Bodies or laboratories accredited as compliant the EN-ISO/IEC 17025, subjected to the acceptance of those results by the CNMP, as responsible of the certification process.

It will not be issued any EU-type certificate extension for other applicant different to which the original certificate was issued.

4 Confidentiality

All information produced or received as a result of testing and certification activities shall be strictly confidential and shall be provided only to the party requesting the service or to the legally established party.

Information made publicly available by the service requester or agreed between CNMP and the service requester shall not be considered confidential. The service requester shall be informed in advance of the information intended to be made publicly available.

Where CNMP is required by law or authorised to disclose confidential information, the client will be notified of the information provided unless prohibited by law.

⁵ Instruction of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of 6th March 1991, on the establishment of public prices for services rendered by the INSHT (BOE 14 March 1991)