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Question: Is it permissible to carry out tests on materials, parts or components identical to those comprising the PPE instead of carrying out tests on the PPE itself? If so, what are the conditions to be met for type-examination and for production control?				
Solution:				
It is possible to carry out tests on materials described in the standards with the sample taken either on the PPE itself or on a sample of the material if the manufacturer attests (in writing) that it is strictly identical to that used in the construction to the PPE and if the notified body can confirm the identity by examination of the reference PPE and the samples supplied. This procedure should be limited to a specific case as, for example, when referring to high cost PPE produced in small quantities.				
The applicant has to supply one example of the PPE submitted to EU type-examination so that the notified body can check that the materials or items put forward for testing are indeed identical to those composing the PPE.				