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Question:			
i) Is a hearing protection device (HPD) with audio communication a hearing protector within the meaning of the regulation (EU) 2016/425?			
ii) Is it possible to certify a communication hearing protector without sound pressure limiter limiting the total exposure of the user according to the requirement given in the PPE regulation?			
Solution:			
i) It is an HPD if the manufacturer declares it and it should meet the requirements of the regulation.			
ii) From the technical point of view it is possible to produce every communication hearing protector with a sound pressure level limiter. Therefore in general it should not be possible to certify communication hearing protectors without limiter. In case a specific need exists for no limitation or a limitation at higher values of L_{Aeq} (equivalent continuous A-weighted sound pressure level) than the limit values given by the essential health and safety requirement „Protection against the harmful effects of noise“, clause 3.5 of Annex II of the regulation (EU) 2016/425 on personal protective equipment, the use has to be restricted to specific applications. These applications have to be specified in the user information and on the packaging. In addition, an appropriate warning and a description of the measures to be taken by the user is required in the user information in order not to exceed the daily limit value.			