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Question: Product standards often refer to specific standards or other sources for the specification of test methods. Changes in the test method can result in differences with regard to the interpretation of test results for the assessment of the product, e.g. with regard to performance levels. What should notified bodies do when a test method standard is dated or undated?			
<p>To claim compliance to a product standard, a manufacturer cannot deviate from its requirements.</p> <p>If the product standard includes a dated reference to another standard, that specific dated-version of the standard has to be used.</p> <p>Where the product standard includes an undated reference to another standard, the latest published version of the test method has to be used. The latest published version should then be checked for changes that may affect conformance with the Essential Health and Safety Requirements. A decision on the acceptance of the latest published version shall be recorded by the notified body.</p> <p>NOTE 1: If a test method standard has been revised, the consequences for the interpretation of test results should be discussed in the PPE notified body coordination group and an amendment to the product standard be proposed as quickly as possible, if necessary.</p> <p>NOTE 2: Use of the latest published version of a test method, due to an undated reference within a product standard, may affect the presumption of conformity if the test method assessed at time of entry into the Official Journal was an earlier version.</p>			