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Article:		Annex:	Clause: 4.2.1
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Question: EN1077 clause 4,2,1 includes a note that " <i>Helmets should.....not significantly interfere with the ability of the user to hear</i> ". In the case of helmets with integrated speakers, if used inappropriately there is potential for the volume of the sound to be such that ability of the user to hear properly may be significantly affected, e.g. nearing snow compacting vehicles. How should this potential hazard be addressed when certifying such products?			
Solution: The manufacturer should include appropriate warnings in the information to be supplied to the wearer. Such warnings should include reference to the possibility of hearing damage through prolonged excessive volume levels, and the potential reduction in awareness of surroundings.			