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Question: For helmets supplied in a variety of colours, how should testing be performed?			
Solution: Manufacturers should define all colours using the RAL system. In the situation the manufacturer makes a written declaration that the material of the helmet is consistent across the colours and that the colours do not affect performance, then it is not necessary for the Notified Body to test each colour. For initial type examination the Notified Body should include in testing as wide a range of the available colours (including lightest and darkest) as possible, but perform testing using the standard sample quantities. If the manufacturer wishes later to add further colours, these can be added without additional testing if: a) the manufacturer provides a declaration that the material of the helmet is unchanged and that the new colours do not affect performance. b) The new colours are not lighter nor darker than the colours tested previously in type examination. c) The Notified Body has evaluated that further testing is unnecessary. In the situation that the manufacturer does not provide such a written declaration, testing of each colour should be performed.			