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Question:

If an existing, certified, filtering facepiece (EN 149:2001) is modified by adding an exhalation valve, can a reduced panel (fewer tests subjects) for total inward leakage testing be used to assess compliance of the modified product?

Solution:

No, it is not possible to reduce the number of tests because the additional exhalation valve has a noticeable influence on the expected performance.

Where an exhalation valve is added to a certified filtering half mask (EN 149:2001) the product is considered as a new model.