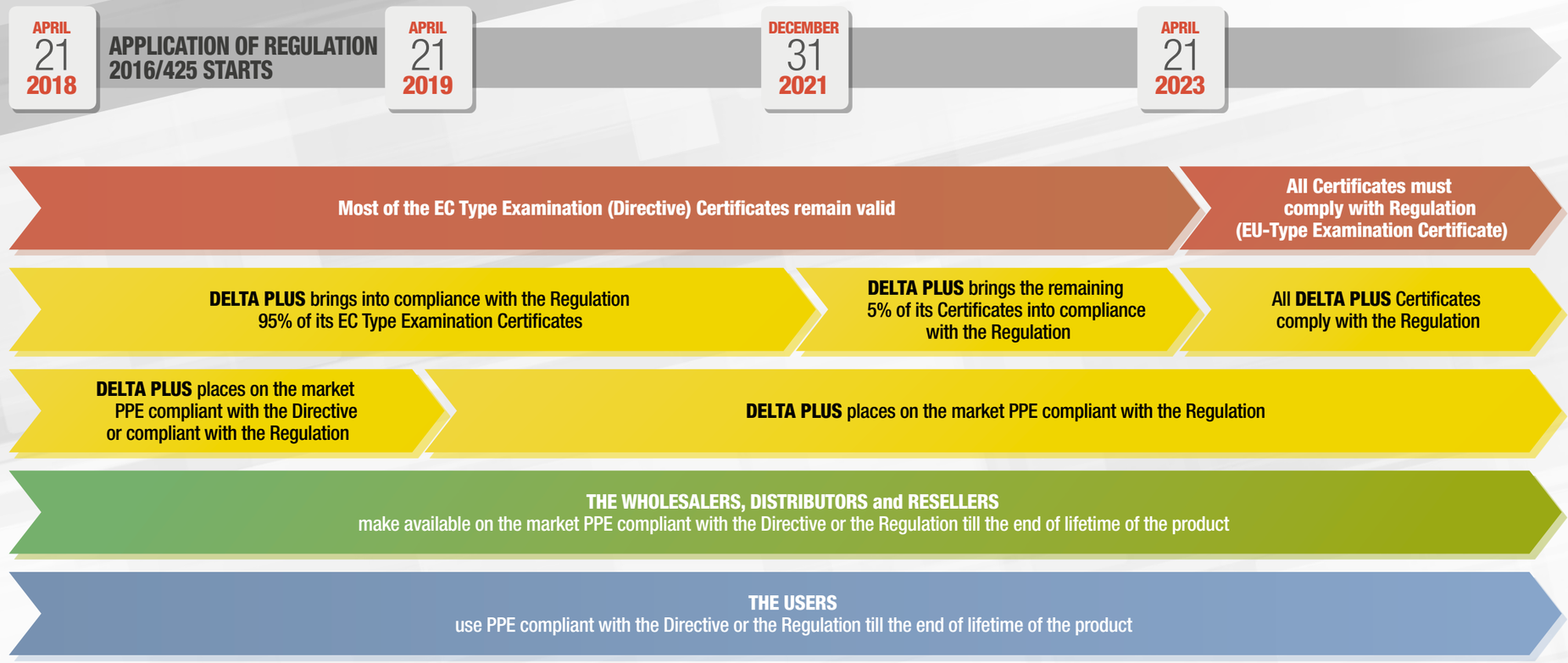
NEW PPE 2016/425 (EU)
Regulation

A major change but do not panic !

The 89/686 PPE Directive needed to be reviewed.
Not because it no longer offered a sufficient level of security.

2016/425 PPE Regulation, on the other hand, incorporates all the essential health and safety requirements of the Directive, with a few improvements.

But because, for 30 years, the organization of the PPE market has changed a lot. The roles and responsibilities of all market operators: manufacturers, importers, distributors had to be clarified. It was also necessary to record the evolution of the practices of the Notified Bodies responsible for the conformity assessment of PPE.



When is it applicable ?

The Regulation will be applied from 21/4/2018 onwards. This date will be followed by a transition period until 2023 with several stages.

Placing on the market ? Making available on the market ?

The manufacturer (or the importer) place on the market: it is the first sale of a PPE to a wholesaler or a distributor or an end user of the European Union.

The distributor (or the wholesaler) make available on the market: they sell to a re-seller, a distributor or an end user.

Am I forced by the dates of the transition period?

As a user or distributor, you are not constrained by the dates of the transition period. The transition period is imposed on the operator in charge of placing on the market, ie the manufacturer (or the importer), to carry out all the work necessary for the implementation of the new Regulation:

- compliance of products with the Regulation that are placed on the market from 21/4/2019
- revision of EC Type Examination Certificates no later than 21/4/2023

What does compliance of the products mean ?

NO TECHNICAL CHANGE! Compliance is only documentary:

- revision of the User Information
- evolution of product marking according to the types of PPE
- indication of an address where to contact the manufacturer (or the importer)
- supply of the EU Declaration of Conformity

Are the DELTAPLUS® PPE that I purchased before implementation the new Regulation and that I use or provide to my employees always safe?

The DELTAPLUS® PPE you use are safe and valid for the rest of their life time. In fact, they complied with the regulation in force at the time you bought them (89/686 PPE Directive).

In addition, the essential health and safety requirements of the Directive remain unchanged in the Regulation.

Are the PPE delivered by Delta Plus under 89/686 Directive and which I hold in my stock always safe?

The DELTAPLUS® products you have in stock currently are safe and valid for the rest of their life time. In fact, they complied with the regulation in force at the time you bought them (89/686 PPE Directive).

In addition, the essential health and safety requirements of the Directive remain unchanged in the Regulation. **Therefore you can continue to sell them.**

Which changes are beneficial for the user ?

EU Type-Examination Certificates will have a maximum validity of 5 years. Thus, the user is assured that the compliance of the PPE that he uses is regularly examined again and that if the product was modified or if the state of the art or the standards used to test compliance evolved, the product will be assessed again.

Some PPE has been re categorised and will change from risk category 2 to category 3, this brings even more security to this type of products because they will have to undergo a yearly control of the quality of production in addition to the conformity assessment. These are PPE against harmful noises, hand-held chain saw cutting, high-pressure jets, harmful biological agents, cold environment where effects are comparable to those of an air temperature lower than or equal to -50 °C.

The Regulation imposes more responsibility on the various PPE market stakeholders: manufacturers, distributors, importers, notified bodies and authorities to ensure the safety of PPE circulating on the market.

What changes for the distributor ?

Some provisions of the Regulation have a major impact for the distributor: They are asked for more involvement to check the compliance and reliability of the PPE made available on the market and more responsibility towards the market surveillance authorities. **Being a distributor of DELTAPLUS® PPE, you are assured that the conformity of the PPE that we sell to you is totally under control.**

How Delta Plus manage this major regulatory change ?

As of April 2016, Delta Plus has put in place the necessary organization. All the functions concerned are mobilized to guarantee the compliance of our products and their documents within the deadlines imposed by the regulation and to answer your questions.

You can't find an answer to your question ?

Ask your usual contact at Delta Plus. Our teams have been trained to answer immediately. We have a network of experts that Delta Plus has put in place:

Expertise level 1: your usual contact

Expertise level 2: our product family specialists and Market Unit Managers

Expertise level 3: our expert, responsible for the implementation of the Regulation at Delta Plus

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