



## INDUSTRY'S DILEMMA - THE PPE REGULATION AND THE REVISION TO EN 13595

A combination of factors is presenting the European motorcycle clothing industry with a growing dilemma from a number of directions:

- The European Parliament's decision that all motorcyclists' clothing shall be classified as PPE;
- Increasing enforcement action against motorcycle clothing manufacturers by market surveillance authorities (and the French authorities' unilateral action requiring all riders and passengers to wear CE marked gloves);
- The looming deadline for the PPE Regulation coming into force (21st April 2018);
- The sheer volume of products that will need to be tested and certified before that deadline;
- The inability of most of the garments on the market to meet the current EN 13595-1:2002 standard.

In response, the European Standards committee, WG9, has been hurriedly pushing the emerging revision forward, to try to secure its publication as early as possible, but ahead of this, to have its status recognised such that it might be used to certify garments prior to its publication as an official standard.

The draft revision - designated prEN 17092 - features significant and, in some cases, controversial changes, compared to the original standard.