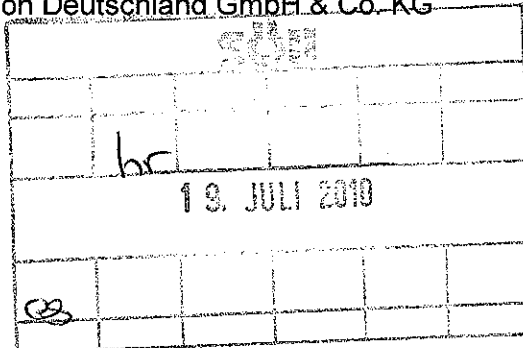


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2nd information regarding the validity of EC type-test certificates on the basis of EN 353-1:2002 „Personal protective equipment against falls from a height - part 1: guided type fall arresters including a rigid anchor line“

Dear Mr Rieder,

as we have already informed you in our letter dd. 08 April 2010, safeguard procedures were successfully conducted against standard EN 353-1:2002. It was removed with the decision 2010/170/EU of the European Commission of 19.03.2010 from the list of harmonised standards to directive 89/696/EEG due to serious safety concerns. This eliminates the presumption of conformity activated by this standard. We would like to inform you now about the current state of affairs regarding the development of test methods and validity of your certificates.

DEKRA EXAM GmbH is working together with the other notified bodies in Germany at the experience exchange circle EK 8.4 on a solution for future tests of guided type fall arresters according to EN 353-1. We also keep contact with our European colleagues in order to achieve a possible common approach of the laboratories which operate in the area of personal fall protection equipment. With this joint solution, we will achieve the greatest possible safety with regards to the inspection process for you and your customers.

It is planned to have the work completed by the end of the summer holiday season. We will inform you immediately about the solution found and the agreed procedures for the future. Should you or your customers have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.


With regards to your products, tests were already done for the certificates stated below which extent the requirements of EN 353-1:2002. Therefore we can sustain the validity of your test certificates for the time being:

ZB 09-4712, ZB 09-4876

We hope this information contributed to a further clarification and remain
with best regards

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