European Parliament
2024-2029

TEXTS ADOPTED

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Amending certain Regulations as regards digitalisation and common specifications (Omnibus IV)

European Parliament legislative resolution of 24 November 2026 on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations (EU) No 765/2008, (EU) 2016/424, (EU) 2016/425, (EU) 2016/426, (EU) 2023/1230, (EU) 2023/1542 and (EU) 2024/1781 as regards digitalisation and common specifications (COM(2025)0504 – C10-0090/2025 – 2025/0134(COD))

(Ordinary legislative procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

– having regard to the Commission proposal to Parliament and the Council (COM(2025)0504),

– having regard to Article 294(2) and Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, pursuant to which the Commission submitted the proposal to Parliament (C10-0090/2025),

– having regard to Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

– having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee of 18 September 2025[1],

– having regard to the provisional agreement approved by the committee responsible under Rule 75(4) of its Rules of Procedure, and the undertaking given by the Council representative by letter of 26 June 2026 to approve Parliament’s position, in accordance with Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

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1 OJ C, C/2026/29, 16.1.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2026/29/oj .

– having regard to Rule 60 of its Rules of Procedure,

– having regard to the opinion of the Committee on Environment, Climate and Food Safety,

– having regard to the report of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (A10-0024/2026),

1. Adopts its position at first reading hereinafter set out;

2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it replaces, substantially amends or intends to substantially amend its proposal;

3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the national parliaments.

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Position of the European Parliament adopted at first reading on 24 November 2026 with a view to the adoption of Regulation (EU) 2026/... of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulations ▌ (EU) 2016/424, (EU) 2016/425, (EU) 2016/426, (EU) 2023/1230, (EU) 2023/1542 and (EU) 2024/1781 as regards digitalisation and common specifications

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 114 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

After transmission of the draft legislative act to the national parliaments,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee[1],

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure[2],

Whereas:

(1) Reporting requirements play a key role in ensuring the proper monitoring and the correct enforcement of legislation***. The overall costs of reporting are balanced by the benefits they bring, in particular in ensuring compliance with key policy measures***. However, in order to ensure that the intended purpose of reporting requirements is fulfilled and in order to limit the administrative burden, it is important to streamline those requirements.

(2) In its communication of 16 March 2023 entitled ‘Long-term competitiveness of the EU: looking beyond 2030’, the Commission

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1 ***OJ C, C/2026/29, 16.1.2026, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2026/29/oj***.

2 Position of the European Parliament of 24 November 2026.

has committed to rationalising and simplifying reporting requirements, with the aim of reducing the burdens created by such requirements by 25 %, without undermining the related policy objectives.

(3) In its Better Regulation Guidelines of 3 November 2021, the Commission promotes the ‘digital by default’ principle to support digital transformations, by facilitating digital-ready policies which consider the fast-evolving world of digitalisation and technology, and which are digital, interoperable, future-proof and agile by default.

(4) The increasing importance of digitalisation in simplifying regulatory frameworks necessitates the reduction***,*** ***harmonisation*** and modernisation of reporting requirements and the obligations of economic operators. In line with the efforts to accelerate digitalisation, it is essential to fully digitalise business-to-authority reporting and the obligations of economic operators when those obligations do not affect the protection and safety of consumers ***or place an excessive burden on economic operators***. Embracing digitalisation is expected not only to simplify compliance procedures but also to enhance the overall efficiency of the regulatory framework, ultimately benefiting both businesses and authorities alike. ***A smooth transition towards digitalisation should be pursued.***

(5) The Commission and the Member States are encouraged to provide guidance and practical support to companies, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and micro-enterprises, and to promote the development of streamlined and standardised digital tools, with a view to facilitating the digital transition of those companies.

(6) A number of sectoral Union legal acts lay down harmonised rules regarding the obligations of economic operators when placing a product on the market or putting it into service. Those legal acts include Regulations (EU) 2016/424[3], (EU) 2016/425[4], (EU) 2016/426[5], (EU) 2023/1230[6], (EU) 2023/1542[7] and (EU) 2024/1781[8] of the European Parliament and of the Council (the 'Regulations concerned'). The Regulations concerned are based on the principles of the 'new approach', which is the legislative technique for technical harmonisation, and are aligned with the reference provisions laid down in Decision No 768/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council[9].

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3 Regulation (EU) 2016/424 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on cableway installations and repealing Directive 2000/9/EC (OJ L 81, 31.3.2016, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/424/oj).

4 Regulation (EU) 2016/425 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on personal protective equipment and repealing Council Directive 89/686/EEC (OJ L 81, 31.3.2016, p. 51, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/425/oj).

5 Regulation (EU) 2016/426 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on appliances burning gaseous fuels and repealing Directive 2009/142/EC (OJ L 81, 31.3.2016, p. 99, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/426/oj).

6 Regulation (EU) 2023/1230 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2023 on machinery and repealing Directive 2006/42/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directive 73/361/EEC (OJ L 165, 29.6.2023, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/1230/oj).

7 Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 July 2023 concerning batteries and waste batteries, amending Directive 2008/98/EC and Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and repealing Directive 2006/66/EC (OJ L 191, 28.7.2023, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/1542/oj).

8 Regulation (EU) 2024/1781 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for sustainable products, amending Directive (EU) 2020/1828 and Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 and repealing Directive 2009/125/EC (OJ L, 2024/1781, 28.6.2024, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1781/oj).

9 Decision No 768/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on a common framework for the marketing of products, and repealing Council Decision 93/465/EEC (OJ L 218, 13.8.2008, p. 82, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2008/768(1)/oj).

(7) In accordance with the Regulations concerned, manufacturers are to draw up an EU declaration of conformity stating that the fulfilment of applicable essential requirements has been demonstrated. In order to enable seamless electronic processes, the EU declaration of conformity should be drawn up in electronic form only.

(8) Regulations (EU) 2016/424, (EU) 2016/425, (EU) 2016/426 and (EU) 2023/1230 require that a copy of the EU declaration of conformity accompanies a product. Considering the evolution of digitalisation, it is essential that that obligation be modernised by requiring that such an EU declaration of conformity ▌ accompany the product ***in electronic form***. The manufacturer ***should therefore ensure*** that the EU declaration of conformity is accessible ***directly*** through an internet address or a machine-readable code, ***meaning that intermediate steps, such as the number of landing pages, should be minimised as much as possible***. ***That direct access should be free of charge, without the need to use login procedures, to provide any personal data, or to download or use additional applications specific to the economic operator or the obligation to register solely to access the EU declaration of conformity.***

(9) Taking into account that, in 2024, no less than 94 % of Union households had access to the internet***, the availability of product*** instructions ***in electronic form offers an opportunity to align with*** current technologies ***and to contribute to*** green objectives***. In that regard***, the possibility for manufacturers to provide instructions in electronic form should be introduced in the Regulations concerned, should they wish to do so. Where manufacturers choose to provide instructions in electronic form, ***specific safeguards for*** consumers ***should be in place to ensure that they, as non-professional users, are still able to access and understand the information, which is in contrast to professional users, who are expected to possess the expertise and knowledge necessary in order to use and handle the products correctly. Therefore, where a product is used solely by professional users, namely persons acquiring the product as professional end-users in the course of their industrial or professional activities,*** safety information, including instructions relating to ***the safe use of the*** product***, might be provided in electronic form. In contrast, the*** safety ***information*** should ***always*** be provided in paper format or marked on the product ***where it is reasonably foreseeable that a product, even if primarily intended for professional use, could also be used by consumers. That requirement ensures that all consumers, including vulnerable consumers such as elderly persons, persons with disabilities or those with limited digital literacy, are able to access and understand the safety information.*** Moreover, end-users should be able to obtain a paper copy of the instructions or safety information, upon request, at the time of the purchase of the product and for a certain period of time after that purchase.

(10) The concept of 'consumer' forms part of the term 'end user' as defined in Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 of the European Parliament and of the Council[10], which applies to the Regulations concerned, and refers to any natural person acting for purposes outside their trade, business, craft or profession.

(11) Regulation (EU) 2016/425 contains certain sectoral specificities. In order to protect the safety of consumers, where the product is intended for, or can be reasonably foreseen to be used by, consumers, all the instructions and information related to the safe use of the product as set out in point 1.4 of Annex II to that Regulation, should be provided in paper format or made visible on the packaging.

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10 ***Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 on market surveillance and compliance of products and amending Directive 2004/42/EC and Regulations (EC) No 765/2008 and (EU) No 305/2011 (OJ L 169, 25.6.2019, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2019/1020/oj).***

(12) In order to ensure that all consumers, including those who might not have regular access to digital tools, can effectively exercise their right to obtain the instructions or safety information in paper format, manufacturers should still be allowed to provide additional accessible means of communication for submitting such requests, including by telephone. That is particularly important for elderly consumers and other groups which are at risk of digital exclusion. End-users should also be clearly informed, in the safety information accompanying the product, of their right to request the instructions or safety information in paper format.

(13) Manufacturers should, where relevant, ensure that instructions and safety information provided in electronic form take into account the requirements set out in Annex I to Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council[11], insofar as the products fall within the scope of that Directive, so that all end-users, including persons with disabilities, are able to access, understand and use the safety information and instructions. Other categories of end-users, such as elderly persons or persons with limited digital literacy, might also benefit from those provisions.

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11 Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the accessibility requirements for products and services (OJ L 151, 7.6.2019, p. 70, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2019/882/oj).

(14) Manufacturers can offer to deliver the instructions in paper format directly to end-users by an alternative means, free of charge and without imposing any obligation on distributors who are not required to print the instructions, unless they choose to do so voluntarily.

(15) When providing the instructions and safety information in electronic form, the manufacturer should ensure that those instructions are, and that safety information is, accessible directly through an internet address or a machine-readable code, meaning that intermediate steps, such as the number of landing pages, should be minimised as much as possible. That direct access should be free of charge, without the need to use login procedures, to provide any personal data, or to download or use additional applications specific to the economic operator or the obligation to register solely to access the instructions and safety information. That is in line with the overarching vision of digital inclusion, as set out in the Joint Declaration of 23 January 2023 entitled 'European Declaration on Digital Rights and Principles for the Digital Decade'[12], in particular Chapter II on Solidarity and inclusion.

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12 European Declaration on Digital Rights and Principles for the Digital Decade (2023/C 23/01) (OJ C 23, 23.1.2023, p. 1).

(16) Given the shift towards digital information for consumers, when evaluating the implementation of the Regulations concerned, the Commission should also assess, where appropriate, whether the provisions concerning instructions or safety information in electronic form are effectively ensuring that those instructions and that information remains easily accessible and comprehensible for consumers.

(17) The possibility for the end-user to request the instructions or safety information in paper format should not preclude manufacturers from providing supplementary information materials in an electronic form only, such as video or audio content, which cannot be reproduced in paper format. Where content is provided in paper format and in electronic form, the content should be the same.

(18) In order to facilitate communication between economic operators and competent national authorities and end-users, providing the details of a digital contact for the manufacturer on the product and in the EU declaration of conformity is necessary to enhance the effectiveness of market surveillance and to expedite the process of tracing non-compliant products. Currently, economic operators are required to indicate their postal address on the product, but this is not always sufficient to ensure that competent national authorities can establish rapid contact. It is therefore necessary to require that economic operators provide both a postal address and a digital contact on the product and in the EU declaration of conformity. Such a digital contact should be defined in the Regulations concerned. ***The digital contact should allow consumers and competent national authorities to contact economic operators directly, and should be up to date and accessible free of charge, without the need to use login procedures, to provide any personal data, or to download or use additional applications specific to the economic operator or the obligation to register solely to contact the economic operator. Such a digital contact can include, for example, an email address or a contact form on a website, or any other direct means of digital communication, without intermediate steps, which allow for traceability of exchanges and should be interpreted in a technologically neutral manner. However, automatic replies to queries, chatbots, fax numbers or telephone lines should not be considered as constituting a digital contact.***

(19) The term 'digital contact', similarly to the term 'electronic address' in Regulation (EU) 2023/988 of the European Parliament and of the Council[13] , should be interpreted in a technologically neutral manner, one which is capable of evolving with future technological developments, and should cover all forms of direct digital communication.

(20) The Regulations concerned require that economic operators provide, ***upon*** a reasoned request from a competent national authority, all information and documentation, in paper format or electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the respective products with the Regulations concerned. The paper format is ***becoming less necessary***, while electronic communication enhances interaction between authorities and businesses, streamlining processes and reducing the administrative burden. In order to achieve the digitalisation of reporting requirements and to reduce the administrative burden for economic operators***, in particular SMEs,*** and competent national authorities, economic operators should be required to provide the necessary information and documentation in electronic form only. Information and documentation provided in electronic form should be able to be made available, for example, in a digital format which allows for the possibility to print, download and save the information and documentation on an electronic device.

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13 Regulation (EU) 2023/988 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 on general product safety, amending Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Directive (EU) 2020/1828 of the European Parliament and the Council, and repealing Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directive 87/357/EEC (OJ L 135, 23.5.2023, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/988/oj).

(21) The current Union standardisation framework, which is based on Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council[14], is the default framework by which standards that provide for a presumption of conformity with the relevant essential requirements or with other requirements are developed. However, where harmonised standards do not exist or where they are insufficient, the Commission should be able to adopt implementing acts establishing common specifications for the essential requirements or other requirements, as an exceptional fall-back solution to facilitate the manufacturer's obligation to comply with those essential requirements or other requirements. ***Several legislative acts already contain such an option to address the issue of the lack of harmonised standards, thereby providing businesses with legal predictability and allowing them to prove a product's compliance with Union law. Compliance with common specifications remains purely voluntary for manufacturers, who can rely on those common specifications in order to benefit from a presumption of conformity or who can choose other appropriate methods to demonstrate compliance with Union requirements.***

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14 Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on European standardisation, amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC, 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/23/EC and 2009/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Council Decision 87/95/EEC and Decision No 1673/2006/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 316, 14.11.2012, p. 12, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2012/1025/oj).

(22) Where the lack of cooperation by international standardisation organisations prevents European standardisation organisations from adopting relevant international standards as harmonised standards, and where such a situation cannot be adequately mitigated by alternative measures, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission to adopt, as a measure of last resort, common specifications without making a prior request to one or more European standardisation organisations to draft or to revise harmonised standards. In view of the upcoming revision of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, it is appropriate to limit the duration of empowerment of the last resort clause to a limited period of time. When the Commission drafts such implementing acts, all relevant information concerning the third parties contracted to support the drafting process of the implementing act is expected to be made public in a timely manner.

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(23) As the digital product passport is foreseen in certain pieces of ***Union*** legislation, such as Regulation (EU) 2023/1542, it is essential to require economic operators to store the information contained in the EU declaration of conformity and instructions in the digital product passport where a product is covered by multiple pieces of legislation. That approach would reduce the administrative burden on manufacturers, as they would no longer need to maintain separate storage locations for compliance documents***, such as EU declarations of conformity required under the various pieces of legislation that can apply to the same product, thereby upholding the principle of a single EU declaration of conformity. In addition, instructions provided in electronic form should be stored together with the EU declaration of conformity***. By storing the documentation in one place, all necessary documents demonstrating product compliance would be easily accessible, thereby ensuring transparency and facilitating compliance. That streamlined approach would enhance the overall efficiency of the regulatory framework, and it aligns with the principle that, where several pieces of Union legislation apply to a product, the manufacturer or other economic operator, where appropriate, is to provide a single EU declaration of conformity.

(24) To ensure regulatory continuity and to allow sufficient time for the adoption of acts relating to the products identified in Article 79 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1781, it is appropriate to prolong the validity of the continued transitional application of certain provisions of Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council [15] until 31 December 2028. That prolongation would also support a coherent and effective transition towards the new digital instruments established by Regulation (EU) 2024/1781, in particular the digital product passport.

(25) The extension of the continued transitional application of certain provisions of Directive 2009/125/EC should not prevent the Commission from incorporating into future implementing measures, where technically feasible, information requirements and data transparency objectives reflected in the digital product passport in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2024/1781.

(26) Since the objectives of this Regulation, namely to reduce reporting requirements and to pursue the digital transition, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States as this Regulation amends the Regulations concerned which harmonise product legislation but can rather, by reason of harmonisation of Union rules applicable to products, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Regulation does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives.

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15 Directive 2009/125/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for energy-related products (OJ L 285, 31.10.2009, p. 10, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2009/125/oj).

(27) To ensure a smooth and effective transition, to minimise disruptions, and to provide a reasonable timeframe for industries to adjust to the new requirements, the application of the amendments to the Regulations concerned concerning digitalisation should be deferred. ▌

(28) In order to enable economic operators to supply any stock of products that have been placed on the market before the date of application of amendments to the Regulations concerned concerning digitalisation, it is necessary to provide for reasonable transitional arrangements that do not impede the making available on the market of products that have been placed on the market in accordance with those Regulations in their version applicable before that date.

(29) Regulations ▌ (EU) 2016/424, (EU) 2016/425, (EU) 2016/426 ▌, (EU) 2023/1230, (EU) 2023/1542 and (EU) 2024/1781 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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Article 1

Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2016/424

Regulation (EU) 2016/424 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 3 is amended as follows:

(a) the following point is inserted:

‘(17a) “digital contact” means any online communication channel ***that is*** up to date and accessible ***free of charge, such as an email address,*** through which an economic operator can be ***contacted*** without the need to register or to download ***or use additional applications specific to the economic operator***;’;

(b) the following point is inserted:

‘(19a) “common ***specification***” means a ▌ technical ***specification***, other than a standard, that provides a means of complying with the essential requirements ***set out in Annex II*** applicable to a ***subsystem or safety component***;’;

(2) Article 11 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 2, the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘Where compliance of a subsystem or a safety component with the applicable requirements has been demonstrated by the procedure referred to in the first subparagraph, manufacturers shall draw up an EU declaration of conformity, in electronic form, and affix the CE marking.’;

(b) in paragraph 4, first subparagraph, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Changes in subsystem or safety component design or characteristics and changes in the harmonised standards, common specifications or other technical specifications by reference to which the conformity of the subsystem or the safety component is declared shall be adequately taken into account.’;

(c) in paragraph 6, the first and second sentences are replaced by the following:

‘Manufacturers shall indicate their name, registered trade name or registered trademark, as well as their postal address and digital contact, on the subsystem or the safety component or, where that is not possible, on the packaging or in a document accompanying the subsystem or safety component. The postal address and digital contact shall indicate a single point at which or through which the manufacturer can be ***contacted***.’;

(d) paragraph 7 is replaced by the following:

‘7. Manufacturers shall ensure that the subsystem or the safety component is accompanied by the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed ***directly*** and by the instructions and safety information, in a language which can be easily understood by ***users***, as determined by the Member State concerned. The instructions and safety information may be provided in electronic form. Such instructions and safety information shall be clear, understandable and intelligible.

The manufacturer shall take into account the intended use and the foreseeable ***user*** of the ***subsystem or the safety component*** when deciding the specific format for the instructions and safety information. When drafting ***the instructions and*** safety information, the manufacturers shall take into account the intended use and foreseeable misuse by the ***user***, as well as the role which the instructions play in ensuring safety.

However, where a large number of subsystems or safety components are delivered to a single economic operator or ***user***, the batch or consignment concerned may be accompanied by a single internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed directly.

When the instructions ***and safety information***, referred to in the first subparagraph, are provided in electronic form, the manufacturer shall:

(a) mark on the subsystem or the safety component, or, where that is not possible, on its packaging or in an accompanying document, how to access those instructions ***and that safety information directly*** and how to request them in paper format;

(b) present those instructions ***and that safety information*** in a format that makes it possible for the ***user*** to print and download them and save them on an electronic device so that the ***user*** can access them at all times, in particular during a breakdown of the subsystem or the safety component; this requirement also applies where the instructions ***and safety information*** are embedded in the software of the subsystem or the safety component; and

(c) make those instructions and that safety information accessible online during the expected lifetime of the subsystem or the safety component and for at least 30 years after the placing on the market of the subsystem or the safety component.

However, the ***user*** may, at the time of the purchase of the ***subsystem or the safety component***, or up to ***24*** months after that purchase, request the instructions or safety information in paper format. Where the ***user*** makes such a request, the manufacturer shall provide those instructions or that safety information to the ***user***, free of charge, within one month of receiving the request. ***The safety information shall clearly inform the users of their right to request the instructions and safety information in paper format.';***

(e) paragraph 9 is replaced by the following:

'9. Manufacturers shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the subsystem or the safety component with this Regulation, in a language which can be easily understood by that authority. They shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, on any action taken to eliminate the risks posed by subsystems or safety components which they have placed on the market.';

(3) in Article 12(2), point (b) is replaced by the following:

'(b) further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the subsystem or the safety component;';

(4) Article 13 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 2, first subparagraph, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘They shall ensure that the manufacturer has drawn up the technical documentation, that the subsystem or the safety component bears the CE marking and that it is accompanied by the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed ***directly*** and by the instructions and safety information and, where appropriate, by other required documents, and that the manufacturer has complied with the requirements set out in Article 11(5) and (6).’; ▌

(b) in paragraph 3, first subparagraph, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Importers shall indicate their name, registered trade name or registered trademark, as well as their postal address and digital contact, on the subsystem or the safety component or, where that is not possible, on its packaging or in a document accompanying the subsystem or safety component.’;

(c) paragraph 9 is replaced by the following:

‘9. Importers shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of a subsystem or a safety component, in a language which can be easily understood by that authority. They shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, on any action taken to eliminate the risks posed by subsystems or safety components which they have placed on the market.’;

(5) Article 14 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 2, the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘Before making a subsystem or a safety component available on the market, distributors shall verify that the subsystem or the safety component bears the CE marking and that it is accompanied by the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed ***directly***, by the instructions and safety information ***in accordance with Article 11(7)*** and, where appropriate, by other required documents, in a language which can be easily understood by users as determined by the Member State concerned, and that the manufacturer and the importer have complied with the requirements set out in Article 11(5) and (6) and Article 13(3), respectively.’;

(b) paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:

‘5. Distributors shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of a subsystem or a safety component. They shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, on any action taken to eliminate the risks posed by subsystems or safety components which they have made available on the market.’;

(6) the following article is inserted:

‘Article 17a

Common specifications

1. Subsystems and safety components that are in conformity with common specifications referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, or parts of those common specifications, shall be presumed to be in conformity with the essential requirements, set out in Annex II, covered by those ***common*** specifications or parts thereof.

2. The Commission may ***adopt*** implementing acts ***establishing*** common specifications that ***provide a means to comply*** with the essential requirements set out in Annex II***. Those implementing acts shall only be adopted where*** the following ***conditions are fulfilled***:

   (a) ***there is no harmonised standard covering those*** requirements ***the reference*** of which ***is*** published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ***and no such reference is expected to be published within a reasonable period***; and

   (b) ***the Commission has requested, pursuant to Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012***, ***one or more*** European ***standardisation organisations to draft or to revise European*** standards ***for those*** requirements, ***and:***

      (i) the request has not been accepted by any of the European standardisation organisations to which the request was addressed; or

(ii) the request has been accepted by at least one of the European standardisation organisations to which the request was addressed, but the European standards requested:

(1) are not delivered within the deadline set in the request;

(2) do not comply with the request; or

(3) do not satisfy the requirements they aim to cover.

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The implementing acts ***referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph*** shall be adopted in accordance with the ***examination*** procedure referred to in Article ***44(3)***.

3. ***In exceptional cases and*** by way of derogation from paragraph 2***, where the lack of cooperation by international standardisation organisations prevents European standardisation organisations from adopting relevant international standards as harmonised standards and that situation cannot be adequately mitigated by alternative measures, and where there is no harmonised standard covering those requirements the reference of which is published in the Official Journal of the European Union and no such reference is expected to be published within a reasonable period, the Commission may, as a measure of last resort, adopt implementing acts establishing common specifications without making a prior request to one or more European standardisation organisations to draft or revise harmonised standards.***

The draft implementing act shall be accompanied by a report describing the exceptional situation and its implications for the internal market, the alternative measures which were taken and did not adequately mitigate that situation, and the reasons justifying the need to adopt common specifications. The Commission shall present that report to the committee referred to in Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 and shall obtain that committee's opinion in writing.

Within six months of the adoption of an implementing act pursuant to the first subparagraph of this paragraph, the Commission shall make a request, pursuant to Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, to one or more European standardisation organisations to draft or to revise harmonised standards for the requirements covered by that implementing act.

The implementing acts referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 44(3) of this Regulation. Where the committee referred to in Article 44(1) of this Regulation does not deliver an opinion, the Commission shall not adopt the draft implementing act and Article 5(4), third subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

The implementing acts adopted pursuant to this paragraph shall be repealed or amended by the Commission in accordance with paragraph 6.

This paragraph shall cease to apply on … [48 months from the date of entry into force of this amending Regulation].

4. Before preparing the draft implementing acts referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, the Commission shall inform the committee referred to in Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 that it considers that the conditions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, respectively, are fulfilled.

5. When preparing the draft implementing acts referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3, the Commission shall take into account the views of the assigned expert group as well as of any other relevant bodies, and shall duly consult all relevant stakeholders.

6. Where a harmonised standard is adopted by a European standardisation organisation and proposed to the Commission for the purpose of publishing its reference in the Official Journal of the European Union, the Commission shall assess that standard in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012. When the reference of a harmonised standard is published in the Official Journal of the European Union, the Commission shall repeal or amend the implementing acts referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, or parts thereof, which cover the same requirements as those covered by that harmonised standard.

7. Where a Member State or the European Parliament considers that a common specification, or parts thereof, does not entirely satisfy the essential requirements set out in Annex II which it covers, it shall inform the Commission thereof by submitting a detailed explanation. The Commission shall assess that detailed explanation and may, if appropriate, amend the implementing act establishing the common specification in question.';

(7) in Article 18, paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

‘3. Records and correspondence relating to the conformity assessment procedures shall be drawn up, in electronic form, in an official language of the Member State where the notified body carrying out the procedures referred to in paragraph 2 is established or in a language accepted by that body. The manufacturer shall provide the notified body carrying out the conformity assessment procedure with all the information and documentation relating to conformity assessment procedures in electronic form.’;

(8) in Article 19, the following paragraph is added:

‘5. Where another piece of Union legislation applicable to ***the*** subsystem or ▌ safety ***component*** requires that the economic operator include information that the product complies with the requirements set out in that piece of legislation in a digital product passport or requires that the economic operator upload the instructions and safety information in a digital product passport, the information set out in Annex IX to be included in the EU declaration of conformity ***and the instructions and safety information*** referred to in Article 11(7)***, where provided in electronic form,*** shall be provided in that digital product passport.

Where another piece of Union legislation applicable to ***the*** subsystem or ▌ safety ***component*** requires that the economic operator upload the EU declaration of conformity or instructions and safety information in a digital product passport, ***the EU declaration of conformity required*** by ***this Article*** and the instructions and safety information referred to in Article 11(7), where provided in electronic form, shall be provided in that digital product passport.’;

(9) in Article 26(7), point (c) is replaced by the following:

‘(c) appropriate knowledge and understanding of the essential requirements set out in Annex II, of the applicable harmonised standards ***and*** of the applicable common specifications, as well as of the relevant provisions of Union harmonisation legislation and of national law;’;

(10) in Article 34, paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

‘3. Where a notified body finds that the essential requirements set out in Annex II or corresponding harmonised standards, common specifications or other technical specifications have not been met by a manufacturer, it shall require that manufacturer to take appropriate corrective measures and shall not issue a certificate or approval decision.’;

(11) in Article 43(1), point (d) is replaced by the following:

‘(d) the subsystem or safety component is not accompanied by the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed ***directly***; ▌’;

(12) Annexes III to IX are amended in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2016/425

Regulation (EU) 2016/425 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 3 is amended as follows:

(a) the following point is inserted:

‘(8a) “digital contact” means any online communication channel that is up to date and accessible ***free of charge***, ***such as an email address,*** through which an economic operator can be ***contacted*** without the need to register or to download ***or use additional applications specific to the economic operator***;’;

(b) the following point is inserted:

‘(10a) “common ***specification***” means a ▌ technical ***specification***, other than a standard, that provides a means of complying with the essential health and safety requirements ***set out in Annex II*** applicable to ***the PPE***; ▌ ’;

(2) Article 8 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 2, the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘Where compliance of PPE with the applicable essential health and safety requirements has been demonstrated by the appropriate procedure, manufacturers shall draw up the EU declaration of conformity referred to in Article 15, in electronic form, and affix the CE marking referred to in Article 16.’;

(b) in paragraph 4, first subparagraph, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Changes in the design or characteristics of the PPE and changes in the harmonised standards, common specifications or other technical specifications by reference to which the conformity of the PPE is declared shall be adequately taken into account.’;

(c) in paragraph 6, the first and second sentences are replaced by the following:

‘Manufacturers shall indicate their name, registered trade name or registered trademark, as well as their postal address and digital contact, on the PPE or, where that is not possible, on its packaging or in a document accompanying the PPE. The postal address and digital contact shall indicate a single point at which or through which the manufacturer can be ***contacted***.▌’;

(d) paragraphs 7 and 8 are replaced by the following:

‘7. Manufacturers shall ensure that the PPE is accompanied by the instructions and information set out in point 1.4 of Annex II, in a language which can be easily understood by consumers and other end-users, as determined by the Member State concerned. The instructions and information may be provided in electronic form. Such instructions and information, as well as any labelling, shall be clear, understandable, intelligible and legible.

The manufacturer shall take into account the intended use and the foreseeable end-user of the PPE when deciding the specific format for the instructions and information set out in point 1.4 of Annex II.

In the case of PPE intended for consumers or that can, under reasonably foreseeable conditions, be used by consumers, even if not intended for them, the manufacturer shall provide, in paper format, or make ▌ visible on the packaging, the instructions and information set out in point 1.4 of Annex II***, which are related to the safe use of the PPE***. Such instructions and information shall be easily visible and legible for consumers.

When drafting the instructions and information set out in point 1.4 of Annex II***, which are related to the safe use of the PPE***, the manufacturers shall take the intended use and foreseeable misuse by the end-user into account.

When the instructions ***and information***, referred to in the first subparagraph, are provided in electronic form, the manufacturer shall:

(a) mark on the PPE, or, where that is not possible, on its packaging or in an accompanying document, how to access those instructions and that information directly and how to request them in paper format;

(b) present those instructions and that information in a format that makes it possible for the end-user to print and download them and save them on an electronic device so that the end-user can access them at all times, in particular during a breakdown of the PPE; this requirement also applies where the instructions ***and information*** are embedded in the software of the PPE; and

(c) make those instructions and that information accessible online during the expected lifetime of the PPE and for at least 10 years after the placing on the market of the PPE.

However, the end-user may, at the time of the purchase of the PPE, or up to ***24*** months after that purchase, request the instructions and information set out in point 1.4 of Annex II in paper format. Where the end-user makes such a request, the manufacturer shall provide those instructions or that information to the end-user, free of charge, within one month of receiving the request. ***The instructions and information shall clearly inform the end-users of their right to request the instructions and information in paper format.***

8. The manufacturer shall provide, with the PPE, the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed directly. ▌ ';

(e) in paragraph 10, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

'Manufacturers shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the PPE with this Regulation, in a language which can be easily understood by that authority.';

(3) in Article 9(2), point (b) is replaced by the following:

‘(b) further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the PPE;’;

(4) Article 10 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 3, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Importers shall indicate, their name, registered trade name or registered trademark, as well as their postal address and digital contact**,** on the PPE or, where that is not possible, on its packaging or in a document accompanying the PPE. ▌ ’;

(b) in paragraph 9, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Importers shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of PPE in a language which can be easily understood by that authority.’;

(5) in Article 11(5), the first sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Distributors shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the PPE.’;

(6) the following article is inserted:

‘Article 14a
Common specifications

1. PPE that is in conformity with common specifications referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, or parts of those common specifications, shall be presumed to be in conformity with the essential health and safety requirements, ***set out in Annex II,*** covered by those ***common*** specifications or parts thereof ▌ .

2. The Commission may ***adopt*** implementing acts ***establishing*** common specifications ***that provide a means to comply with the*** essential health and safety requirements set out in Annex II***. Those implementing acts shall only be adopted where*** the following ***conditions are fulfilled***:

   (a) ***there is no harmonised standard covering those*** requirements ***the reference*** of which ***is*** published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ***and no such reference is expected to be published within a reasonable period***; and

   (b) ***the Commission has requested, pursuant to Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012***, ***one or more*** European ***standardisation organisations to draft or to revise European*** standards ***for those*** requirements***, and:***

(i) the request has not been accepted by any of the European standardisation organisations to which the request was addressed; or

(ii) the request has been accepted by at least one of the European standardisation organisations to which the request was addressed, but the European standards requested:

(1) are not delivered within the deadline set in the request;

(2) do not comply with the request; or

(3) do not satisfy the requirements they aim to cover.

▌

The implementing acts referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be adopted in accordance with the ***examination*** procedure referred to in Article ***44(3)***.

3. In exceptional cases and by way of derogation from paragraph 2, where the lack of cooperation by international standardisation organisations prevents European standardisation organisations from adopting relevant international standards as harmonised standards and that situation cannot be adequately mitigated by alternative measures, and where there is no harmonised standard covering those requirements the reference of which is published in the Official Journal of the European Union and no such reference is expected to be published within a reasonable period, the Commission may, as a measure of last resort, adopt implementing acts establishing common specifications without making a prior request to one or more European standardisation organisations to draft or revise harmonised standards.

The draft implementing act shall be accompanied by a report describing the exceptional situation and its implications for the internal market, the alternative measures which were taken and did not adequately mitigate that situation, and the reasons justifying the need to adopt common specifications. The Commission shall present that report to the committee referred to in Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 and shall obtain that committee's opinion in writing.

Within six months of the adoption of an implementing act pursuant to the first subparagraph of this paragraph, the Commission shall make a request, pursuant to Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, to one or more European standardisation organisations to draft or to revise harmonised standards for the requirements covered by that implementing act.

The implementing acts referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 44(3) of this Regulation. Where the committee referred to in Article 44(1) of this Regulation does not deliver an opinion, the Commission shall not adopt the draft implementing act and Article 5(4), third subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

The implementing acts adopted pursuant to this paragraph shall be repealed or amended by the Commission in accordance with paragraph 6.

This paragraph shall cease to apply on … [48 months from the date of entry into force of this amending Regulation].

4. Before preparing the draft implementing acts referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, the Commission shall inform the committee referred to in Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 that it considers that the conditions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, respectively, are fulfilled.

5. ***When preparing the draft implementing acts referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3, the Commission shall take into account the views of the assigned expert group as well as of any other relevant bodies, and shall duly consult all relevant stakeholders.***

6. ***Where a harmonised standard is adopted by a European standardisation organisation and proposed to the Commission for the purpose of publishing its reference in the Official Journal of the European Union, the Commission shall assess that standard in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012. When the reference of a harmonised standard is published in the Official Journal of the European Union, the Commission shall repeal or amend the implementing acts referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, or parts thereof, which cover the same requirements as those covered by that harmonised standard.***

7. ***Where a Member State or the European Parliament considers that a common specification, or parts thereof, does not entirely satisfy the essential health and safety requirements set out in Annex II which it covers, it shall inform the Commission thereof by submitting a detailed explanation. The Commission shall assess that detailed explanation and may, if appropriate, amend the implementing act establishing the common specification in question.';***

(7) in Article 15, the following paragraph is added:

‘5. Where another piece of Union legislation applicable to the PPE requires that the economic operator include information that the product complies with the requirements set out in that piece of legislation in a digital product passport or requires that the economic operator upload ***the*** instructions ***and information*** in a digital product passport, the information set out in Annex IX to be included in the EU declaration of conformity and the instructions ***and information*** referred to in Article 8(7)***, where provided in electronic form,*** shall be provided in that digital product passport.

Where another piece of Union legislation applicable to the PPE requires that the economic operator upload the EU declaration of conformity or instructions and information in a digital product passport, the EU declaration of conformity required by this Article and the instructions and information referred to in Article 8(7), where provided in electronic form, shall be provided in that digital product passport.’;

(8) in Article 19, the following paragraph is added:

‘Where the manufacturer provides the notified body carrying out the conformity assessment procedure with the information and documentation relating to conformity assessment procedures, all such information and documentation shall be in electronic form.’;

(9) in Article 24(7), point (c) is replaced by the following:

‘(c) appropriate knowledge and understanding of the essential health and safety requirements set out in Annex II, of the applicable harmonised standards ***and*** of the applicable common specifications, as well as of the relevant provisions of Union harmonisation legislation and of national law;’;

▌

(10) In Article 32, paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

‘3. Where a notified body finds that the essential health and safety requirements set out in Annex II or the corresponding harmonised standards, common specifications or other technical specifications have not been met by a manufacturer, it shall require the manufacturer to take appropriate corrective measures and shall not issue a certificate or approval decision.’;

(11) Annexes II, III, V, VII, VIII and IX are amended in accordance with Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 3

Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2016/426

Regulation (EU) 2016/426 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 2 is amended as follows:

(a) the following point is inserted:

‘(21a) “digital contact” means any online communication channel ***that is*** up to date and accessible ***free of charge***, ***such as an email address,*** through which an economic operator can be ***contacted*** without the need to register ***or to*** download ***or use additional applications specific to the economic operator***;’;

(b) the following point is inserted:

‘(23a) “common ***specification***” means a ▌ technical ***specification***, other than a standard, that provides a means of complying with the essential requirements ***set out in Annex I*** applicable to ***an appliance or a fitting;’;***

(2) Article 7 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 2, the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘Where compliance of an appliance or a fitting with the applicable requirements has been demonstrated by the procedure referred to in the first subparagraph, manufacturers shall draw up an EU declaration of conformity, in electronic form, and affix the CE marking.’;

(b) in paragraph 4, first subparagraph, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Changes in appliance or fitting design or characteristics and changes in the harmonised standards, common specifications or other technical specifications by reference to which the conformity of the appliance or the fitting is declared shall be adequately taken into account.’;

(c) paragraphs 6 and 7 are replaced by the following:

‘6. Manufacturers shall indicate their name, registered trade name or registered trademark, as well as their postal address and digital contact, on the appliance or, where that is not possible, on the packaging or in a document accompanying the appliance. The postal address and digital contact shall indicate a single point at which or through which the manufacturer can be ***contacted***. The contact details shall be in a language easily understood by consumers and other end-users and the market surveillance authorities.

Manufacturers shall indicate their name, registered trade name or registered trademark, as well as their postal address and digital contact, on the fitting or, where that is not possible, on the packaging or in a document accompanying the fitting. The postal address and digital contact shall indicate a single point at which or through which the manufacturer can be ***contacted***. The contact details shall be in a language easily understood by appliance manufacturers and the market surveillance authorities.

7. Manufacturers shall ensure that the appliance is accompanied by instructions and safety information in accordance with point 1.5 of Annex I, in a language which can be easily understood by consumers and other end-users, as determined by the Member State concerned. The instructions and safety information may be provided in electronic form. Such instructions and safety information, as well as any labelling, shall be clear, understandable and intelligible.

   Manufacturers shall take into account the intended use and the foreseeable end-user of the ***appliance*** when deciding the specific format for the instructions and safety information.

   In the case of ***an*** appliance ▌ intended for consumers or that can, under reasonably foreseeable conditions, be used by consumers, even if not intended for them, the manufacturer shall provide, in paper format, or mark on the ***appliance***, the safety information. Such safety information shall be easily visible and legible for consumers.

When drafting the instructions and safety information, the manufacturers shall take into account the intended use and foreseeable misuse by the end-user, as well as the role which the instructions play in ensuring safety.

Manufacturers shall ensure that the fitting is accompanied by the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed ***directly,*** and that the EU declaration of conformity contains, inter alia, the instructions for incorporation or assembly, adjustment, operation and maintenance in accordance with point 1.7 of Annex I, in a language which can be easily understood by appliance manufacturers, as determined by the Member State concerned.

However, where a large number of fittings are delivered to a single end-user, the batch or consignment concerned may be accompanied by a single internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed ***directly***.

When the instructions ***or safety information***, referred to in the first subparagraph, are provided in electronic form, the manufacturer shall:

(a) mark on the appliance ▌ , or, where that is not possible, on its packaging or in an accompanying document, how to access those instructions ***and that safety information directly*** and how to request them in paper format;

(b) present those instructions and that safety information in a format that makes it possible for the end-user to print and download them, and save them on an electronic device so that the end-user can access them at all times, in particular during a breakdown of the appliance ▌ ; and

(c) make those instructions and that safety information accessible online during the expected lifetime of the appliance ▌ and for at least 10 years after the placing on the market of the appliance ▌ .

However, the end-user may, at the time of the purchase of the appliance, or up to ***24*** months after that purchase, request the instructions or safety information in paper format. Where the end-user makes such a request, the manufacturer shall provide those instructions or that safety information to the end-user, free of charge, within one month of receiving the request. ***The safety information shall clearly inform the end-users of their right to request the instructions and safety information in paper format.';***

(d) paragraph 9 is replaced by the following:

‘9. Manufacturers shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the appliance or the fitting with this Regulation, in a language which can be easily understood by that authority. They shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, on any action taken to eliminate the risks posed by appliances or fittings which they have placed on the market.’;

(3) in Article 8(2), point (b) is replaced by the following:

‘(b) further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the appliance or the fitting;’;

(4) Article 9 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 2, second subparagraph, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘They shall ensure that the manufacturer has drawn up the technical documentation, that the fitting bears the CE marking and is accompanied by the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed ***directly*** and that the EU declaration of conformity contains, inter alia, instructions for incorporation or assembly, adjustment, operation and maintenance in accordance with point 1.7 of Annex I and that the manufacturer has complied with the requirements set out in Article 7(5) and (6). ▌’;

(b) paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

‘3. Importers shall indicate their name, registered trade name or registered trademark, as well as their postal address and digital contact, on the appliance or, where that is not possible, on its packaging or in a document accompanying the appliance. The contact details shall be in a language easily understood by consumers and other end-users and the market surveillance authorities.

Importers shall indicate their name, registered trade name or registered trademark, as well as their postal address and digital contact, on the fitting or, where that is not possible, on its packaging or in a document accompanying the fitting. The contact details shall be in a language easily understood by appliance manufacturers and the market surveillance authorities.’;

(c) in paragraph 4, the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘Importers shall ensure that the fitting is accompanied by the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed ***directly*** and that the EU declaration of conformity contains, inter alia, the instructions for incorporation or assembly, adjustment, operation and maintenance in accordance with point 1.7 of Annex I in a language which can be easily understood by appliance manufacturers, as determined by the Member State concerned. ▌’;

(d) paragraph 9 is replaced by the following:

‘9. Importers shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of an appliance or a fitting in a language which can be easily understood by that authority. They shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, on any action taken to eliminate the risks posed by appliances or fittings which they have placed on the market.’;

(5) Article 10 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 2, the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘Before making a fitting available on the market, distributors shall verify that the fitting bears the CE marking and that it is accompanied by the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed ***directly***, and that the EU declaration of conformity contains, inter alia, the instructions for incorporation or assembly, adjustment, operation and maintenance in accordance with point 1.7 of Annex I in a language which can be easily understood by appliance manufacturers, as determined by the Member State concerned, and that the manufacturer and the importer have complied with the requirements set out in Article 7(5) and (6) and Article 9(3), respectively. ▌’;

(b) paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:

‘5. Distributors shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of an appliance or a fitting. They shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, on any action taken to eliminate the risks posed by appliances or fittings which they have made available on the market.’;

(6) the following article is inserted:

‘Article 13a

Common specifications

1. Appliances and fittings that are in conformity with common specifications referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, or parts of those common specifications shall be presumed to be in conformity with the essential requirements, set out in Annex I, covered by those ***common*** specifications or parts thereof.

2. The Commission may ***adopt*** implementing acts ***establishing*** common specifications that ***provide a means to comply with the*** essential requirements set out in Annex I***. Those implementing acts shall only be adopted where*** the following ***conditions are fulfilled***:

(a) ***there is no harmonised standard covering those*** requirements ***the reference*** of which ***is*** published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ***and no such reference is expected to be published within a reasonable period***; and

(b) ***the Commission has requested, pursuant to Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012***, ***one or more*** European ***standardisation organisations to draft or to revise European*** standards ***for those*** requirements***, and:***

(i) the request has not been accepted by any of the European standardisation organisations to which the request was addressed; or

(ii) the request has been accepted by at least one of the European standardisation organisations to which the request was addressed, but the European standards requested:

(1) are not delivered within the deadline set in the request;

(2) do not comply with the request; or

(3) do not satisfy the requirements they aim to cover.

▌

The implementing acts referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be adopted in accordance with the ***examination*** procedure ***referred to*** in Article ***42(3)***.

3. In exceptional cases and by way of derogation from paragraph 2, where the lack of cooperation by international standardisation organisations prevents European standardisation organisations from adopting relevant international standards as harmonised standards and that situation cannot be adequately mitigated by alternative measures, and where there is no harmonised standard covering those requirements the reference of which is published in the Official Journal of the European Union and no such reference is expected to be published within a reasonable period, the Commission may, as a measure of last resort, adopt implementing acts establishing common specifications without making a prior request to one or more European standardisation organisations to draft or revise harmonised standards.

The draft implementing act shall be accompanied by a report describing the exceptional situation and its implications for the internal market, the alternative measures which were taken and did not adequately mitigate that situation, and the reasons justifying the need to adopt common specifications. The Commission shall present that report to the committee referred to in Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 and shall obtain that committee's opinion in writing.

Within six months of the adoption of an implementing act pursuant to the first subparagraph of this paragraph, the Commission shall make a request, pursuant to Article 10(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, to one or more European standardisation organisations to draft or to revise harmonised standards for the requirements covered by that implementing act.

The implementing acts referred to in the first subparagraph of this paragraph shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 42(3) of this Regulation. Where the committee referred to in Article 42(1) of this Regulation does not deliver an opinion, the Commission shall not adopt the draft implementing act and Article 5(4), third subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

The implementing acts adopted pursuant to this paragraph shall be repealed or amended by the Commission in accordance with paragraph 6.

This paragraph shall cease to apply on… [48 months from the date of entry into force of this amending Regulation].

4. ***Before preparing the draft implementing acts referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, the Commission shall inform the committee referred to in Article 22 of Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 that it considers that the conditions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, respectively, are fulfilled.***

5. ***When preparing the draft implementing acts referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3, the Commission shall take into account the views of the assigned expert group as well as of any other relevant bodies, and shall duly consult all relevant stakeholders.***

6. ***Where a harmonised standard is adopted by a European standardisation organisation and proposed to the Commission for the purpose of publishing its reference in the Official Journal of the European Union, the Commission shall assess that standard in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012. When the reference of a harmonised standard is published in the Official Journal of the European Union, the Commission shall repeal or amend the implementing acts referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Article, or parts thereof, which cover the same requirements as those covered by that harmonised standard.***

7. ***Where a Member State or the European Parliament considers that a common specification, or parts thereof, does not entirely satisfy the essential requirements set out in Annex I which it covers, it shall inform the Commission thereof by submitting a detailed explanation. The Commission shall assess that detailed explanation and may, if appropriate, amend the***

implementing act establishing the common specification in question.';

(7) Article 14 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

‘4. Records and correspondence relating to conformity assessment of an appliance or a fitting shall be drawn up, in electronic form, in an official language of the Member State where the notified body carrying out the procedures referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 is established or in a language accepted by that body.’;

(b) the following paragraph is added:

‘5. The manufacturer shall provide the notified body carrying out the conformity assessment procedure with all the information and documentation relating to conformity assessment procedures in electronic form.’;

(8) Article 15 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 6 is replaced by the following:

‘6. The fitting shall be accompanied by the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed ***directly***. ▌’;

(b) the following paragraph is added:

‘7. Where another piece of Union legislation applicable to an appliance or a fitting requires that the economic operator include information that the product complies with the requirements set out in that piece of legislation in a digital product passport or requires that the economic operator upload the instructions and safety information in a digital product passport, the information set out in Annex ***V*** to be included in the EU declaration of conformity and the instructions ***and safety information*** referred to in Article 7(7)***, where provided in electronic form,*** shall be provided in that digital product passport.

Where another piece of Union legislation applicable to an appliance or a fitting requires that the economic operator upload the EU declaration of conformity or instructions and safety information in a digital product passport, the EU declaration of conformity required by this Article and the instructions and safety information referred to in Article 7(7), where provided in electronic form, shall be provided in that digital product passport.’;

(9) in Article 23(7), point (c) is replaced by the following:

‘(c) appropriate knowledge and understanding of the essential requirements set out in Annex I, of the applicable harmonised standards ***and*** of the applicable common specifications, as well as of the relevant provisions of Union harmonisation legislation and of national law;’;

(10) in Article 31, paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

‘3. Where a notified body finds that the essential requirements set out in Annex I or corresponding harmonised standards, common specifications or other technical specifications have not been met by a manufacturer, it shall require that manufacturer to take appropriate corrective measures and shall not issue a certificate or approval decision.’;

(11) in Article 40(1), point (f) is replaced by the following:

‘(f) the fitting is not accompanied by the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed ***directly***; ▌ ’;

(12) Annexes III and V are amended in accordance with Annex III to this Regulation.

Article 4

Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2023/1230

Regulation (EU) 2023/1230 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 3, the following point is inserted:

‘(22a) “digital contact” means any online communication channel ***that is*** up to date and accessible ***free of charge***, ***such as an email address,*** through which an economic operator can be ***contacted*** without the need to register or to download ***or use additional applications specific to the economic operator***;’;

(2) Article 10 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 2, the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘Where compliance of machinery or a related product with the essential health and safety requirements laid down in Annex III has been demonstrated by that conformity assessment procedure, manufacturers shall draw up the EU declaration of conformity, in digital format, in accordance with Article 21 and affix the CE marking in accordance with Article 24.’;

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(b) in paragraph 8, the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘Manufacturers shall ensure that the machinery or related product is accompanied by the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity set out in Part A of Annex V can be accessed ***directly***. ▌’;

(c) in paragraph 10, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Manufacturers shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in digital format, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the machinery or related products with this Regulation, in a language which can be easily understood by that authority.’;

(3) Article 11 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 2, the second subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘Where compliance of partly completed machinery with the relevant essential health and safety requirements set out in Annex III has been demonstrated in the technical documentation set out in Part B of Annex IV, manufacturers shall draw up the EU declaration of incorporation, in digital format, in accordance with Article 22.’;

(b) in paragraph 8, the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘Manufacturers shall ensure that the partly completed machinery is accompanied by the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of incorporation set out in Part B of Annex V can be accessed ***directly***. ▌’;

(c) in paragraph 10, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Manufacturers shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in digital format, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the partly completed machinery with this Regulation, in a language which can be easily understood by that authority.’;

(4) in Article 12(2), point (b) is replaced by the following:

‘(b) further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in digital format, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the product within the scope of this Regulation;’;

(5) in Article 13(9), the first sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Importers shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in digital format, necessary to demonstrate conformity of the machinery or related products with this Regulation in a language that can be easily understood by that authority.’;

(6) in Article 14(8), the first sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Importers shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in digital format, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the partly completed machinery with this Regulation in a language that can be easily understood by that authority.’;

(7) Article 15 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 2, point (b) is replaced by the following:

‘(b) the machinery or related product is accompanied by the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity referred to in Article 10(8) can be accessed ***directly***; ▌ ’;

(b) in paragraph 6, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Distributors shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in digital format, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the machinery or related product with this Regulation in a language that can be easily understood by that authority.’;

(8) in Article 16(6), the first sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Distributors shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation , in digital format, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the partly completed machinery with this Regulation.’;

(9) in Article 20(8), the first sentence is replaced by the following:

'Where a Member State or the European Parliament considers that a common specification, or parts thereof, does not entirely satisfy the essential health and safety requirements set out in Annex III which it covers, it shall inform the Commission thereof by submitting a detailed explanation.';

(10) in Article 21, the following paragraph is added:

'5. Where another piece of Union legislation applicable to machinery or related products requires that the economic operator include information that the product complies with the requirements set out in that piece of legislation in a digital product passport or requires that the economic operator upload the instructions and information in a digital product passport, the information set out in Part A of Annex V to be included in the EU declaration of conformity and the instructions ***for use and information*** referred to in Article 10(7)***, where provided in digital format,*** shall be provided in that digital product passport.

Where another piece of Union legislation applicable to machinery or related products requires that the economic operator upload the EU declaration of conformity or instructions and information in a digital product passport, ***the EU declaration of conformity required by this Article*** and the instructions for use and information referred to in Article 10(7), where provided in digital format, shall be provided in that digital product passport.';

(11) in Article 22, the following paragraph is added:

‘5. Where another piece of Union legislation applicable to ***partly completed*** machinery ▌ requires that the economic operator include the information that the product complies with the requirements set out in that piece of legislation in a digital product passport or requires that the economic operator upload the ***assembly*** instructions in a digital product passport, the information set out in Part B of Annex V to be included in the EU declaration of incorporation and the ***assembly*** instructions referred to in Article 11(7)***, where provided in digital format,*** shall be provided in that digital product passport.

Where another piece of Union legislation applicable to partly completed machinery requires that the economic operator upload the EU declaration of conformity or the assembly instructions in a digital product passport, the EU declaration of incorporation required by this Article and the assembly instructions referred to in Article 11(7), where provided in digital format, shall be provided in that digital product passport.’;

(12) in Article 25, the following paragraph is added:

‘6. Where the manufacturer provides the notified body carrying out the conformity assessment procedure with the information and documentation relating to conformity assessment procedures, all such information and documentation shall be in digital format.’;

(13) Annexes III, V, VII, IX and X are amended in accordance with Annex IV to this Regulation.

Article 5

Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2023/1542

Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 3(1), the following point is inserted:

‘(23a) “digital contact” means any online communication channel ***that is*** up to date and accessible ***free of charge***, ***such as an email address,*** through which an economic operator can be ***contacted*** without the need to register or to download ***or use additional applications specific to the economic operator***;’;

(2) in Article 16, the following paragraph is added:

‘4. Where a Member State or the European Parliament considers that a common specification, or parts thereof, does not entirely satisfy the requirements laid down in Articles 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 and 78 which it covers, it shall inform the Commission thereof by submitting a detailed explanation. The Commission shall assess that detailed explanation and may, if appropriate, amend the implementing act establishing the common specification in question.’;

(3) Article 17 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

‘4. Records and correspondence relating to the conformity assessment procedures of batteries shall be drawn up, in electronic form, in the official language or languages of the Member State where the notified body carrying out the conformity assessment procedures is established, or in one or more languages accepted by that body.’;

(b) the following paragraph is added:

‘5. The manufacturer shall provide the notified body carrying out the conformity assessment procedure with all the information and documentation relating to conformity assessment procedures in electronic form.’;

(4) in Article 18(2), the third sentence is replaced by the following:

‘It shall be drawn up in electronic form.’;

(5) Article 38 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

‘1. When placing a battery on the market or putting it into service, including for the manufacturers’ own purposes, manufacturers shall ensure that the battery:

(a) has been designed and manufactured in accordance with Articles 6 to 10 and Articles 12 and 14, and is, for stationary battery energy storage systems, accompanied by clear, understandable and readable instructions and safety information in a language or languages which can be easily understood by end-users, as determined by the Member State in which the battery is to be placed on the market or put into service; and

(b) is marked and labelled in accordance with Article 13.

The instructions and safety information for stationary battery energy storage systems may be provided in electronic form. In the case of stationary battery energy storage systems intended for consumers or that can, under reasonably foreseeable conditions, be used by consumers, even if not intended for them, the manufacturer shall provide the safety information in paper format.

When the instructions ***or safety information*** are provided in electronic form, the manufacturer shall mark on the battery, or, where that is not possible, on its packaging or in an accompanying document, that the instructions or safety information are accessible in the battery passport and how to request those instructions or that safety information in paper format.

The end-user may, at the time of the purchase of the stationary battery energy storage systems, or up to ***24*** months after that purchase, request the instructions or safety information in paper format. Where the end-user makes such a request, the manufacturer shall provide those instructions or that safety information to the end-user, free of charge, within one month of receiving the request. ***The safety information shall clearly inform the end-users of their right to request the instructions and safety information in paper format.';***

(b) in paragraph 7, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Manufacturers shall indicate their name, registered trade name or registered trademark, as well as their postal address and digital contact, on the battery, indicating a single contact point.’;

(c) in paragraph 10, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘That information and documentation shall be provided in electronic form.’;

(6) in Article 39, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘That information and documentation shall be provided, in electronic form, free of charge.’;

(7) in Article 40(3), point (b) is replaced by the following:

‘(b) further to a reasoned request from a national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the battery;’;

(8) Article 41 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 3, the first sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Importers shall indicate their name, registered trade name or registered trademark as well as their postal address and digital contact, on the battery, indicating a single contact point.’;

(b) in paragraph 8, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘That information and the documentation shall be provided in electronic form.’;

(9) in Article 42(6), the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘That information and the documentation shall be provided in electronic form.’;

(10) Annexes VIII, IX and XIII are amended in accordance with Annex V to this Regulation.

Article 6

Amendments to Regulation (EU) 2024/1781

Regulation (EU) 2024/1781 is amended as follows:

(1) in Article 2, first paragraph, the following point is inserted:

‘(46a) “digital contact” means any online communication channel ***that is*** up to date and accessible ***free of charge***, ***such as an email address,*** through which an economic operator can be ***contacted*** without the need to register or to download ***or use additional applications specific to the economic operator***;’;

(2) in Article 24(2), the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘Such information and documentation shall be provided, in electronic form, within 30 days of receipt of the request.’;

(3) in Article 27(10), first subparagraph, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘That information and documentation shall be provided, in electronic form, as soon as possible and in any event within 15 days of receipt of a request by that authority.’;

(4) in Article 28(2), point (c) is replaced by the following:

‘(c) further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation, in electronic form, necessary to demonstrate the conformity of a product, in a language that can be easily understood by that authority as soon as possible and in any event within 15 days of receipt of such a request; and’;

(5) in Article 29(8), first subparagraph, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘That information and documentation shall be provided, in electronic form, as soon as possible and in any event within 15 days of receipt of a request by that authority.’;

(6) in Article 30(5), first subparagraph, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘That information and documentation shall be provided, in electronic form, within 15 days of receipt of a request by that authority.’;

(7) in Article 36(2), second subparagraph, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘That information shall be provided, in electronic form, within 15 days of receipt of a request by the market surveillance authority.’;

(8) in Article 79(1), point (a)(i), the date '31 December 2026' is replaced by the date '31 December 2028';

(9) in Annex V, point 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. Name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, where applicable, the manufacturer's authorised representative.'.

Article 7

Transitional provision

Member States shall not impede the making available on the market of products which were placed on the market in accordance with Regulations (EU) 2016/424, (EU) 2016/425, (EU) 2016/426, (EU) ***2023/1230, (EU)*** 2023/1542 and (EU) 2024/1781 before ***… [30*** months from ***the date of*** entry into force of this amending Regulation ▌].

Article 8

Entry into force and application

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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The following provisions shall apply from ***… [30*** months from ***the date of*** entry into force of this amending Regulation]:

(a) Article 1, point(1)(a), point (2)(a), (c), (d) and (e), and points (3), (4), (5), (7), (8) and (11);

(b) Article 2, point (1)(a), point (2)(a), (c), (d) and (e), and points (3), (4), (5), (7) and (8);

(c) Article 3, point (1)(a), points (2)(a), (c) and (d), points (3) to (6), and points (8), (9) and (12);

(d) Article 4, points (1) to (8), and points (10), (11) and (12);

(e) ***Article 5, point (1), and points (3) to (9);***

(f) Article 6, point (1), points (2) to (7) and point (9);

(g) Annex I, point (1)(a) and (c), point (2), point (3)(a), point (4)(a), point (5)(a), (c) and (d), and point (7)(a);

(h) Annex II, point (1)(a) and (c), point (3)(a), (c)(i) and (d)(i), point (4)(a), point (5) and point (6)(a);

(i) Annex III, point (1)(a)(i), (c), (e) and (f) and point (2)(a);

(j) Annex IV;

(k) Annex V.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at …, …

For the European Parliament	*For the Council*
The President	*The President*

ANNEX I

Annexes III to IX to Regulation (EU) 2016/424 are amended as follows:

(1) Annex III is amended as follows:

(a) in point 3, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name, postal address and digital contact as well;’;

(b) points 4.2, 4.3 and ***4.4*** are replaced by the following:

‘4.2. verify that the specimen(s) have been manufactured in conformity with the technical documentation, and identify the elements that have been designed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications, as well as the elements which have been designed in accordance with other relevant technical specifications;

4.3. carry out appropriate examinations and tests, or have them carried out, to check whether, where the manufacturer has chosen to apply the solutions in the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications, these have been applied correctly;

4.4 carry out appropriate examinations and tests, or have them carried out, to check whether, where the solutions in the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications have not been applied, the solutions adopted by the manufacturer applying other relevant technical specifications meet the corresponding essential requirements of this Regulation;';

(c) in point 6, first subparagraph, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

'The certificate shall contain the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer, the conclusions of the examination, any conditions for its validity, the necessary data for identification of the approved type (subsystem or safety component) and if relevant, descriptions of its functioning.';

(2) in Annex IV, point 3.1, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

'(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name, postal address and digital contact as well;';

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(3) Annex V is amended as follows:

(a) in point 3.1, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name, postal address and digital contact as well;’;

(b) point 4.1 is replaced by the following:

‘4.1. All subsystems or safety components shall be individually examined and appropriate tests set out in the relevant harmonised standard(s), and/or common specification(s), and/or equivalent tests set out in other relevant technical specifications, shall be carried out in order to verify conformity with the approved type described in the EU-type examination certificate and with the appropriate requirements of this Regulation.

In the absence of such a harmonised standard or common specification, the notified body concerned shall decide on the appropriate tests to be carried out.’;

(c) point 5.2 is replaced by the following:

‘5.2. A random sample shall be taken from each lot. All the subsystems or safety components in the sample shall be individually examined and appropriate tests set out in the relevant harmonised standard(s) and/or common specification(s), and/or equivalent tests set out in other relevant technical specifications, shall be carried out in order to verify their conformity with the approved type described in the EU-type examination certificate and with the applicable requirements of this Regulation and to determine whether the lot is accepted or rejected. In the absence of such a harmonised standard or common specification, the notified body concerned shall decide on the appropriate tests to be carried out.’;

(4) Annex VI is amended as follows:

(a) in point 3.1, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name, postal address and digital contact as well;’;

(b) in point 3.2, the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘The notified body shall examine the technical documentation for the subsystem or the safety component and shall carry out the appropriate examinations and tests set out in the relevant harmonised standards, and/or common specifications, and/or equivalent tests set out in other relevant technical specifications, to check the conformity of the subsystem or the safety component with the applicable requirements of this Regulation, or have them carried out. In the absence of such a harmonised standard or common specification the notified body concerned shall decide on the appropriate tests to be carried out.’;

(5) Annex VII is amended as follows:

(a) in point 3.1, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name, postal address and digital contact as well;’;

(b) in point 3.2, third subparagraph, point (b) is replaced by the following:

‘(b) the technical design specifications, including standards, that will be applied and, where the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications will not be applied in full, the means, including other relevant technical specifications, that will be used to ensure that the essential requirements of this Regulation will be met;’;

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(c) in point 3.6.2, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer;’;

(d) in point 3.6.3, first subparagraph, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘That certificate shall give the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer, the conclusions of the examination, the conditions (if any) for its validity and the data necessary for identification of the approved design.’;

(6) in Annex VIII, point 2, point (c) is replaced by the following:

‘(c) a list of the harmonised standards referred to in Article 17, applied in full or in part, the references of which have been published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, ***and*** a list of common specifications, applied in full or in part, and where those harmonised standards or common specifications, have not been applied, descriptions of the solutions adopted to meet the essential requirements of this Regulation including a list of other relevant technical specifications applied. In the event of partly applied harmonised standards or common specifications, the technical documentation shall specify the parts which have been applied;’;

(7) Annex IX is amended as follows:

(a) point 2 is replaced by the following:

‘2. Name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, where applicable, his authorised representative;’;

(b) point 6 is replaced by the following:

‘6. References to the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications used or references to the other technical specifications in relation to which conformity is declared:’.

ANNEX II

Annexes II, III, V, VII, VIII and IX to Regulation (EU) 2016/425 are amended as follows:

(1) in Annex II, point 1.4, the first subparagraph is amended as follows:

(a) the introductory sentence is replaced by the following:

‘In addition to the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer, the instructions that must be supplied with the PPE must contain all relevant information on:’;

(b) point (k) is replaced by the following:

‘(k) references to the relevant harmonised standard(s) or common specification(s) used, including the date of the standard(s) or specification(s), or references to the other technical specifications used;’

(c) point (l) is replaced by the following:

‘(l) the internet address or machine-readable code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed ***directly***. ▌’;

(2) in Annex III, second subparagraph, points (f) and (g) are replaced by the following:

‘(f) the references of the harmonised standards referred to in Article 14 ***and*** the common specifications referred to in Article 14a that have been applied for the design and manufacture of the PPE. In the event of partial application of harmonised standards or common specifications, the documentation shall specify the parts which have been applied;

(g) where harmonised standards or common specifications have not been applied or have been only partially applied, descriptions of the other technical specifications that have been applied in order to satisfy the applicable essential health and safety requirements;’;

(3) Annex V is amended as follows:

(a) in point 3, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name, postal address and digital contact as well;’;

(b) in point 4, points (d), (e) and (f) are replaced by the following:

‘(d) verify that the specimen(s) have been manufactured in conformity with the technical documentation, and identify the elements which have been designed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications as well as the elements which have been designed in accordance with other technical specifications;

(e) carry out appropriate examinations and tests, or have them carried out, to check whether, where the manufacturer has chosen to apply the solutions in the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications, these have been applied correctly;

(f) carry out appropriate examinations and tests, or have them carried out, to check whether, where the solutions in the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications have not been applied, the solutions adopted by the manufacturer, including those in other technical specifications applied, meet the corresponding essential health and safety requirements and have been applied correctly.’;

(c) point 6.2. is amended as follows:

(i) point (b) is replaced by the following:

‘(b) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, the latter's name, postal address and digital contact;’;

(ii) point (e) is replaced by the following:

‘(e) where harmonised standards or common specifications have been fully or partially applied, the references of those standards or specifications or parts thereof;’;

(d) in point 7.6, the first subparagraph is amended as follows:

(i) point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) his name, postal address and digital contact and data identifying the EU type-examination certificate concerned;’;

(ii) point (b) is replaced by the following:

‘(b) confirmation that there has been no modification to the approved type as referred to in point 7.2, including materials, sub-components or sub-assemblies, nor to the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications or other technical specifications applied;’;

(4) Annex VII is amended as follows:

(a) in point 3, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name, postal address and digital contact;’;

(b) point 4.3 is replaced by the following:

‘4.3. An adequate statistical sample of the manufactured PPE shall be selected by the notified body at a place agreed between the body and the manufacturer. All items of PPE of the sample shall be examined, and appropriate tests set out in the relevant harmonised standard(s), and/or common specification(s), and/or equivalent tests set out in other relevant technical specifications shall be carried out in order to verify the conformity of the PPE with the type described in the EU type-examination certificate and with the applicable essential health and safety requirements.’;

(5) in Annex VIII, point 3.1, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name, postal address and digital contact as well;’;

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(6) Annex IX is amended as follows:

(a) point 2 is replaced by the following:

‘2. Name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, where applicable, his authorised representative:’;

(b) point 6 is replaced by the following:

‘6. References to the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications used, including the date of the standard ***or common specification***, or references to the other technical specifications, including the date of the specification, in relation to which conformity is declared:’.

ANNEX III

Annexes III and V to Regulation (EU) 2016/426 are amended as follows:

(1) Annex III is amended as follows:

(a) point 1.3.1 is amended as follows:

(i) point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name, postal address and digital contact as well;’;

(ii) in point (c), point (4) is replaced by the following:

‘(4) a list of the harmonised standards applied in full or in part the references of which have been published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* ***and*** a list of common specifications, applied in full or in part, and, where those harmonised standards or common specifications have not been applied, descriptions of the solutions adopted to meet the essential requirements of this Regulation, including a list of other relevant technical specifications applied. In the event of partly applied harmonised standards or common specifications, the technical documentation shall specify the parts which have been applied;’;

(iii) in point (e), the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘This supporting evidence shall mention any documents that have been used, in particular where the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications have not been applied in full.’;

(b) points 1.4.3 and 1.4.4 are replaced by the following:

‘1.4.3. carry out appropriate examinations and tests, or have them carried out, to check whether, where the manufacturer has chosen to apply the solutions in the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications, these have been applied correctly;

1.4.4. carry out appropriate examinations and tests, or have them carried out, to check whether, where the solutions in the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications have not been applied, the solutions adopted by the manufacturer applying other relevant technical specifications meet the corresponding essential requirements of this Regulation;’;

(c) in point 1.6, first subparagraph, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘The certificate shall contain the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer, the conclusions of the examination, the conditions (if any) for its validity, the necessary data for identification of the approved type, such as the type of gas, appliance category and gas supply pressure, and, if relevant, descriptions of its functioning.’;

(d) in point 2.3, first subparagraph, the second sentence is replaced by the following:

‘An adequate sample of the final appliances or fittings taken on site by the notified body before the placing on the market, shall be examined and appropriate tests as identified by the relevant parts of the harmonised standards, and/or common specifications, and/or equivalent tests set out in other relevant technical specifications, shall be carried out in order to check the conformity of the appliance or the fitting with the relevant requirements of this Regulation.’;

(e) in point 3.3.1, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name, postal address and digital contact as well;’;

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(f) in point 4.3.1, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the authorised representative, his name, postal address and digital contact as well;’;

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(g) point 5.4.1 is replaced by the following:

‘5.4.1. All appliances or fittings shall be individually examined and appropriate tests set out in the relevant harmonised standard(s), and/or common specification(s), and/or equivalent tests set out in other relevant technical specifications shall be carried out in order to verify conformity with the approved type described in the EU type-examination certificate and with the appropriate requirements of this Regulation.

In the absence of such a harmonised standard or common specification, the notified body concerned shall decide on the appropriate tests to be carried out.’;

(h) point 5.5.2 is replaced by the following:

‘5.5.2. A random sample shall be taken from each lot in accordance with the requirements of point 5.5.3. All appliances or fittings in a sample shall be individually examined and appropriate tests set out in the relevant harmonised standard(s), and/or common specification(s), and/or equivalent tests set out in other relevant technical specifications, shall be carried out in order to verify their conformity with the applicable requirements of this Regulation and to determine whether the lot is accepted or rejected. In the absence of such a harmonised standard or common specification, the notified body concerned shall decide on the appropriate tests to be carried out.’;

(i) in point 6.2.1, point (d) is replaced by the following:

‘(d) a list of the harmonised standards applied in full or in part the references of which have been published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*, ***and*** a list of common specifications, applied in full or in part, and, where those harmonised standards or common specifications have not been applied, descriptions of the solutions adopted to meet the essential requirements of this Regulation, including a list of other relevant technical specifications applied. In the event of partly applied harmonised standards or common specifications, the technical documentation shall specify the parts which have been applied.’;

(j) in point 6.4, the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘A notified body chosen by the manufacturer shall carry out appropriate examinations and tests, set out in the relevant harmonised standard(s), and/or common specification(s), and/or equivalent tests set out in other relevant technical specifications, to check the conformity of the appliances or fittings with the applicable requirements of this Regulation, or have them carried out. In the absence of such a harmonised standard or common specification the notified body concerned shall decide on the appropriate tests to be carried out.’;

(2) Annex V is amended as follows:

(a) point 2 is replaced by the following:

‘2. Name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, where applicable, his authorised representative:’;

(b) point 6 is replaced by the following:

‘6. References to the relevant harmonised standards or common specifications used or references to the other technical specifications in relation to which conformity is declared:’.

ANNEX IV

Annexes III, V, VII, IX and X to Regulation (EU) 2023/1230 are amended as follows:

(1) Annex III is amended as follows:

(a) in point 1.7.4.2, point 1 is amended as follows:

(i) point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the business name, full postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, where applicable, of its authorised representative;’;

(ii) point (c) is replaced by the following:

‘(c) the EU declaration of conformity, or the internet address or ***machine-readable*** code at which or through which the EU declaration of conformity can be accessed ***directly***, in accordance with Article 10(8);’;

(b) point 4.3.1 is amended as follows:

(i) the first subparagraph is replaced by the following:

‘Each length of lifting chain, rope or webbing not forming part of an assembly shall bear a mark or, where this is not possible, a plate or irremovable ring bearing the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and the identifying reference of the relevant certificate.’;

(ii) in the second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer;’;

(2) Annex V is amended as follows:

(a) in Part A, point 2 is replaced by the following:

‘2. Name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, where applicable, its authorised representative.’;

(b) in Part B, point 2 is replaced by the following:

‘2. Name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, where applicable, its authorised representative.’;

(3) Annex VII is amended as follows:

(a) in point 3, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by an authorised representative, the name, postal address and digital contact of that authorised representative;’;

(b) in point 6.2, point (b) is replaced by the following:

‘(b) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by an authorised representative, the name, postal address and digital contact of that authorised representative;’;

(c) in point 7.6, first subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) its name, postal address and digital contact and data identifying the EU type-examination certificate concerned;’;

(4) in Annex IX, point 3.1, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by an authorised representative, the name, postal address and digital contact of that authorised representative;’;

(5) in Annex X, point 2, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by an authorised representative, the name, postal address and digital contact of that authorised representative;’.

ANNEX V

Annexes VIII, IX and XIII to Regulation (EU) 2023/1542 are amended as follows:

(1) in Annex VIII, Part B, Module D1: Quality assurance of the production process, point 5.1, second subparagraph, point (a) is replaced by the following:

‘(a) the name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, if the application is lodged by the manufacturer’s authorised representative, its name, postal address and digital contact as well,’;

(2) in Annex IX, point 2 is replaced by the following:

‘2. Name, postal address and digital contact of the manufacturer and, where applicable, its authorised representative:’;

(3) in Annex XIII, point 1, the following point is added:

‘(t) clear, understandable and readable instructions and safety information in a format that makes it possible to print, download and save them on an electronic device so that the end-user can access them at all times, in particular during a breakdown of the battery (only for stationary battery energy storage systems).’.