Ruling

Protective footwear for firefighters—Requirements and test methods (EN 15090:2012, MOD) (Ruling 1 to AS/NZS 4821:2014)

ENQUIRY:

Must Type 1 footwear have a safety toecap?

RULING:

Yes, as Appendix ZZ changed the definition of Type 1 footwear, making toecaps mandatory. Type 1 footwear must comply with the requirements of Table 4 in Appendix ZZ.

ENQUIRY:

Must footwear claiming compliance with AS/NZS 4821:2014 be tested to Clauses 6.4 and 7.4, which are related to compression resistance of toepuffs?

RULING:

No. Toecaps are now mandatory for all classes of footwear in AS/NZS 4821. Testing of toecaps for impact (Clause 5.3.2.3 of ISO 20345) and compression resistance (Clause 5.3.2.4 of ISO 20345) is required, for all types.

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