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**FEI ACCEPTED
TESTING STANDARDS
FOR PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR**

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“Protective Headgear” as defined in the **FEI General Regulations** must comply with the two following cumulative requirements:

- 1 Testing standard marking, in accordance with Table 1 below.
- 2 Quality testing marking, as outlined in page 2.
(Note: starting 1 January 2028, quality testing marking is only required for **at least one** of the standards concerned).

Table 1

Applicable time period	British PAS015:2011 & updates	American Snell E2021 & E2016	CE Mark products referencing EN1384:2023	American ASTM F1163:23	American ASTM F1163:2015	CE mark products referencing VG1 & EN1384:2017	Australian AS/NZ 3838 (2006)	American Snell E2001	Australian ARB HS 2012	American ASTM F1163:2004a & F1163-13
1 January 2026 until 31 December 2026										
1 January 2027 until 31 December 2027					 Only in combination with one of the 4 accepted standards (✓ - ASTM excluded)	 Only in combination with one of the 4 accepted standards (✓)				
1 January 2028 onwards	Any combination of at least two (2) of the above accepted standards									



accepted standard



accepted only under the conditions specified



not accepted

The purpose of this document is to ensure that FEI Athletes use the safest Protective Headgear available on the market. Due to manufacturing constraints and product availability, certain standards are gradually phased out before they are officially discontinued by the FEI. Athletes are encouraged to always choose the safest available option listed in this document.

Quality testing

Quality testing monitors the ongoing quality of the product according to the original standard.

Quality testing labels* include, but are not limited to:



* SNELL combines a standard with subsequent quality testing; therefore, no additional quality testing mark is required with Snell standards.

Note:

- 1 Perfect fit and the correct adjustment of the retention harness are essential to the performance of your Protective Headgear. Even if the product is purchased on line, it is strongly recommended to try it on before use. Ideally, you should have it fitted by a qualified professional, or at the very least, seek expert advice to ensure it fits properly.
- 2 Taking into account daily wear and tear and material fatigue, the FEI recommends replacing your Protective Headgear every three to five years depending on the frequency of use.
- 3 Even if there is no visible damage, Protective Headgear that has sustained a significant impact must be replaced immediately, as it may not adequately absorb a second impact.

Disclaimer

Equestrian sport carries inherent risks which cannot be fully mitigated. The FEI's list of Accepted Testing Standards for Protective Headgear is part of the FEI's global approach to promote Athlete safety. This list does not constitute a warranty, guarantee, or assurance of safety, fitness for a particular purpose, or compliance with any legal or regulatory requirements in any jurisdiction.

Protective Headgear must always be well fitted to the wearer's head, and properly fastened when in use.

No Protective Headgear can protect against all types of impacts.

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