

Quarterly newsletter

NEWS STANDARDIZATION COMMITTEES :

Mr Axel KARAKACHIAN is now the president of the AH120 committee :

- **Equipment family** : all types of diving breathing apparatus and diving suits used by professional and non-professional divers
- **Field of application** : all types of diving (scuba diving, autonomous diving, underground diving, swimming with fins, white water swimming, etc.)
- **Aspects covered** : all aspects, including functional requirements, safety requirements and test methods.

REGULATORY NEWS: Certification of gloves, booties and hoods :

- The question was asked to the DDPP who confirmed that these equipments are diving accessories and protective equipments protecting against category II risks and therefore subject to certification.
- The VG8 has also been asked for a European view, no official answer has been given to the questions below for the moment:

"VG8 questions :

1. Are neoprene balaclavas, gloves and boots classified as PPE under the PPE Regulation (EU) 2016/425 as interchangeable components according to Article 3 §1/b?2.
2. If they are classified as PPE, which PPE category do they fall under: Cat I or Cat II?

VG8 requests that this issue be considered by the PPE working group so that a formal decision can be made on the classification of these types of PPE."