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Onderwerp: RE: About Question about fittesting of tight fitting masks according to the HSE-protocol

Dear Mr Franken,

Thank you for your query. OC 282/28 ([OC 282/28 link](#)) is our fit testing guidance and supports our general guidance on fit testing (HSG 53 [RPE guidance document link](#)). This covers, amongst other things, the exercises during fit tests and fit factors needed to pass a fit test (100 for half masks and 2000 for full face masks). In addition we have collaborated with the British Safety Industry Federation to set up a fit testers accreditation service (<http://fit2fit.org/>).

In British law it is a requirement that manufacturers carry out testing and examination of equipment to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, the RPE is without risk to health when in use (I paraphrase slightly). As such if the query arose here I would expect the manufacturer to test the equipment to demonstrate that the face fit for a particular face mask is applicable in different modes of use.

We are looking for partners to validate the protection factors in the iso standards currently under discussion. Are you interested in partnering on this?

The HSE website for RPE is [HSE RPE website](#)

I hope this helps answer your question.

Yours

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