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Performance requirements —**

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(CBRN) supplied breathable RPD**

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Introduction

The personal protection requirements of personnel who respond to emergencies are recognised as being different from those of the regular workforce. With respect to response to incidents involving release of chemical, biological or radiological materials, or after nuclear events, specific requirements have to be established. The hazardous exposures occurring in such incidents can result in severe consequences for an improperly protected responder.

Specifically, for the types of protection required.

- a) Protection levels need to be high for those in the vicinity of an incident.
- b) Materials used in construction of the equipment shall withstand permeation by highly aggressive chemicals.

These requirements in the ISO system summarized in this document cover the special application CBRN. This document is an adjunct to other parts of ISO 17420 and should be read together with them.

This document provides classification of equipment, performance requirements and specific test methods for respiratory protective devices (RPD) for use in CBRN response. Selection requirements are addressed in separate documents.

NOTE The performance requirements included in this document refer to laboratory testing using specified test agents under specified conditions which might not indicate the performance of the device in actual usage.

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