

Information Received from National Sheriffs' Association:

PPE Guidance from US Department of Labor

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) has issued [interim enforcement guidance](#) regarding disposable N95 filtering face piece respirators. Specifically, the guidance addresses use of respirators that are either:

- Certified under certain standards of other countries; or,
- Certified under other countries' standards but are expired.

During periods of N95 respirator shortages, the federal government advises that employers may consider using respirators and filters certified under the following standards of other countries:

- Australia: AS/NZS 1716:2012
- Brazil: ABNT/NBR 13694:1996; ABNT/NBR 13697:1996; and ABNT/NBR 13698:2011
- People's Republic of China: GB 2626-2006; and GB 2626-2019
- European Union: EN 140-1999; EN 143-2000; and EN 149-2001
- Japan: JMHLW-2000
- Republic of Korea: KMOEL-2014-46; and KMOEL-2017-64
- Mexico: NOM-116-2009

The interim guidance takes effect immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. Please forward this information to appropriate stakeholders within your state.

Please contact me at 202-693-4610 with any questions regarding the interim enforcement guidance.

Best,  
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