

Guideline on How to Safely Put on Protective Gear

- Production and Distribution of Guideline on Purchase/Use of Welding Mask -

- ☐ Safety and health of workers are being threatened by the use of products of which safety is not certified because personal protection gears of which safety is not verified without safety certification are being **disguised as safety-certified products** and falsely advertised or sold/distributed throughout industrial sites.
- ☐ The Occupational Safety and Health Certification Institute (OSHCI; Director General: Young-Tae Kim) of the KOSHA produces and distributes the **OPL series of "Guideline on How to Safely Put on Protective Gear"** in order to prevent the use of uncertified protective gears and promote the use of properly safety-certified products.
- ☐ The first series concerns the '**welding mask**' where the guideline is prepared in **a single page in order to help users easily understanding** what to look out for, including how to verify KCs safety certification, how to purchase and how to use.
 - **During purchase of protective gears** via online or offline, it is important for users to **verify KCs safety certification which guarantees safety and protection performances**. Safety certification of products can be verified through the official website of the OSHCI.

- Even when major consumables (filter and cover plate) of a welding mask currently in use are replaced, users need to pay attention to whether the replacing consumables are **authentic products** since **only authentic components are able to warrant protection performances of the protective gear concerned**.
- When selecting a welding mask, users need to choose a **product with a shade level suitable to harmful rays** generated during operations based on the **type of operations**, and ensure the **protection performance not to be deteriorated, such as arbitrary modification of the protective gear concerned**.
- ☐ The OPL series concerned is scheduled to be **distributed to over 4,500 sites**, including manufacturers with at least 100 employees, manufacturers of products subject to safety certification and voluntary safety verification reporting and related agencies around the nation, and the details can be verified through the official website of the KOSHA.
- ☐ The KOSHA also plans to publish **a total of 12 OPL series of "Guideline on How to Safely Put on Protective Gear"** subject to safety certification, including safety helmet, safety harness and safety goggles, which will be unveiled through its official website in the near future.
- ☐ Young-Tae Kim, the Director General of OSHCI, said, "It is **important** to keep in mind that **safety-certified products must be employed** for protective gears in order to protect the safety and life of workers, and we are determined to **eradicate**

uncertified products from industrial sites through **continuous public education.**"