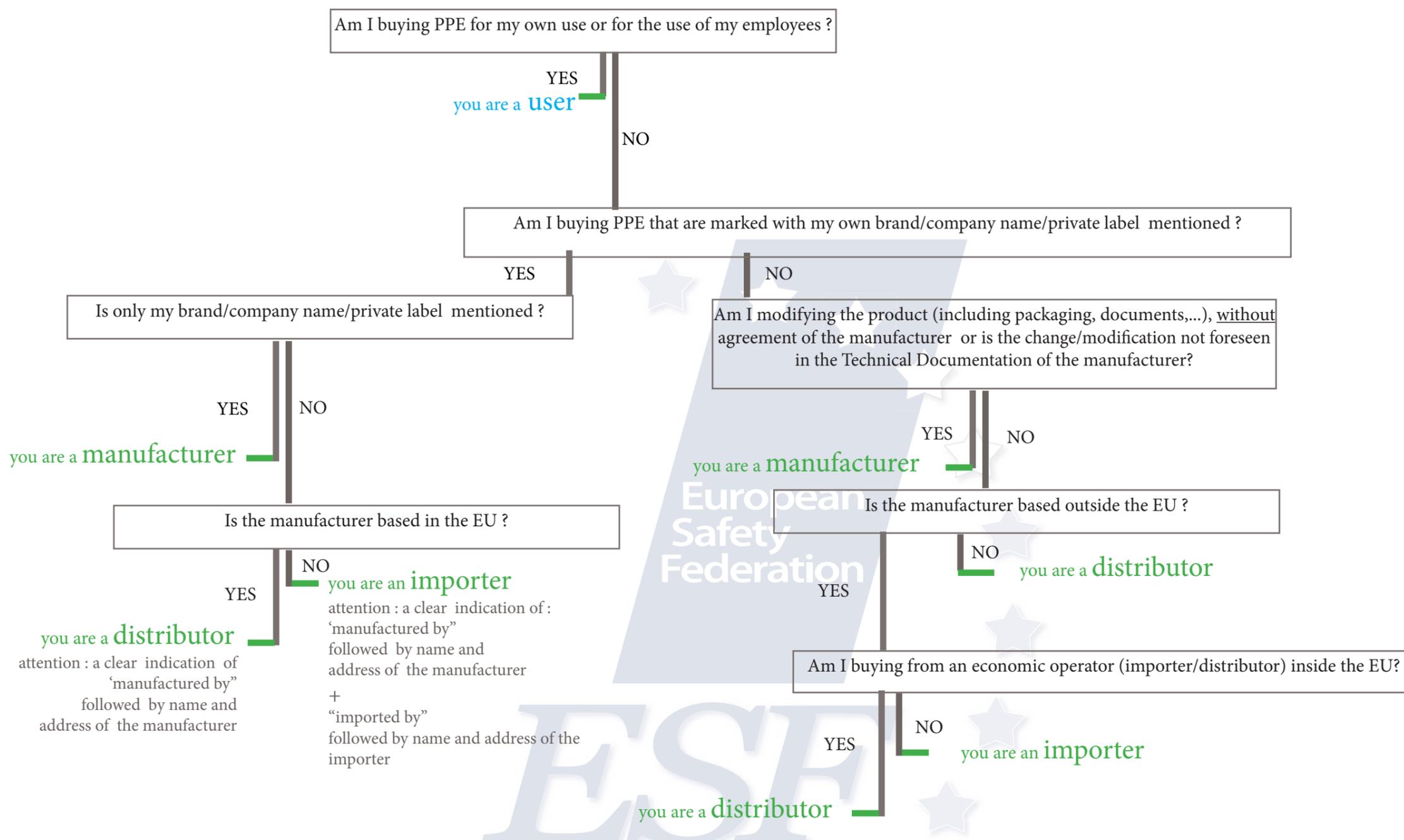


# BUYING PPE

checklist for **each** product



## manufacturer based in the EU

= address is in the EU; mentioned on the EU type examination certificate, on the declaration of the conformity, on the user instruction, on the product marking.

### Attention:

a manufacturer based in the EU can produce outside the EU:

- In that case bringing the products from the production plant into the EU is not importing according to the PPE legislation.
- This doesn't mean that this is not import for other legislations (e.g. customs)

## production plant

= place where the production takes place.

- is not necessarily the manufacturer.
- it can be owned by the manufacturer or be a subcontractor.
- even if the manufacturer is located in the EU, the production plant can be located in the EU or outside the EU.

## Distributor

is a broad term that include many players in the supply chain, such as wholesalers, retail, webshops, ...

## User:

- company buying PPE to be used by the employees of the company
- consumer buying for his own use.

Users are not selling PPE to third parties.  
Users are not an economic operator in the sense of the PPE Regulation.

## Economic operators

### Manufacturer

any natural or legal person who manufactures PPE or has it designed or manufactured, and markets it under his name or trademark.

Is placing the PPE on the market

### Importer

means any natural or legal person established within the Union who places PPE from a third country on the Union market.

Is placing the PPE on the market

### Distributor

any natural or legal person in the supply chain, other than the manufacturer or the importer.

Makes PPE available on the market

### Authorised representative

any natural or legal person established within the Union who has received a written mandate from a manufacturer to act on his behalf in relation to specified tasks.

**placing on the market**  
the first making available of PPE on the Union market;

**making available on the market**  
any supply of PPE for distribution or use on the Union market in the course

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