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TO SEI NOCSAE PARTICIPANTS:

SEI Certification Bulletin #15 – Headgear Labeling

We are in the midst of the first annual certification for NOCSAE products, which we can say is going well, however we have run across some confusion regarding headgear labeling on helmets that are not designated to be recertified through the National Athletic Equipment Reconditioners Association's (NAERA) recertification program. We would like to outline the specific NOCSAE requirements for this labeling and provide the clarifications needed for SEI NOCSAE certification purposes.

*NOCSAE Document ND001 - 13m15c, Section 9.5 states; Headgear that are not to be recertified as mandated by the manufacturer must bear a permanent and legible warning on the exterior of the headgear stating the life of the certification. **This label must include either the date of manufacture or the first intended season of use as the start date for the certification life.** Companies will be expected to provide proof that the helmets meet the standard's requirements throughout the life of the product certification period.*

SEI would like to clarify that using the phrase “**date of purchase**” on this required label is not acceptable. The NOCSAE requirement specifically requires the date of manufacture or the first intended season of use be used on this label as the start date for certification life.

We hope you have found this bulletin to be beneficial. If at any time we can answer any questions please contact me or a member of the SEI staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tricia Hock'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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