

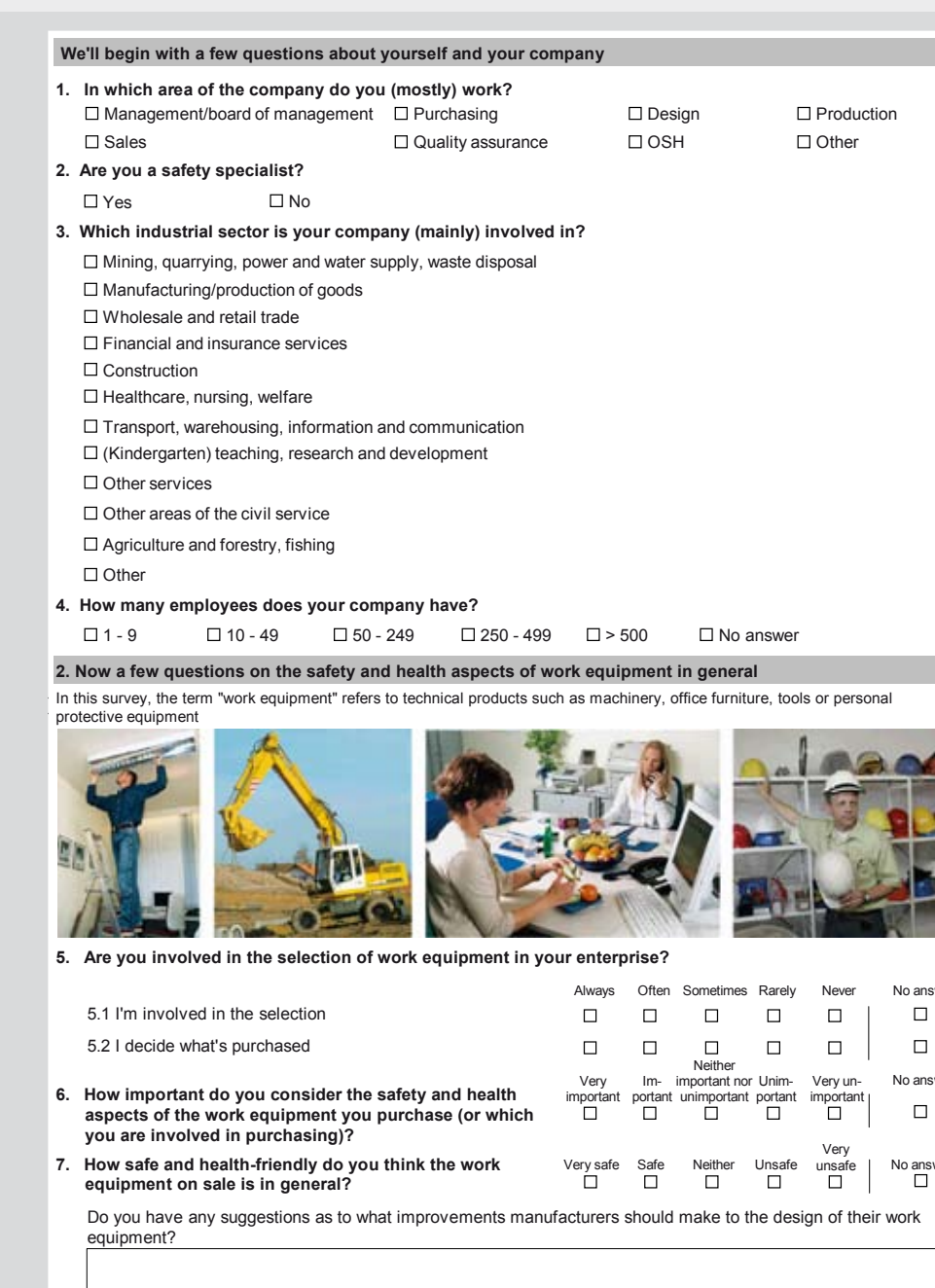
Role of product safety and safety marks in the purchasing practice of enterprises

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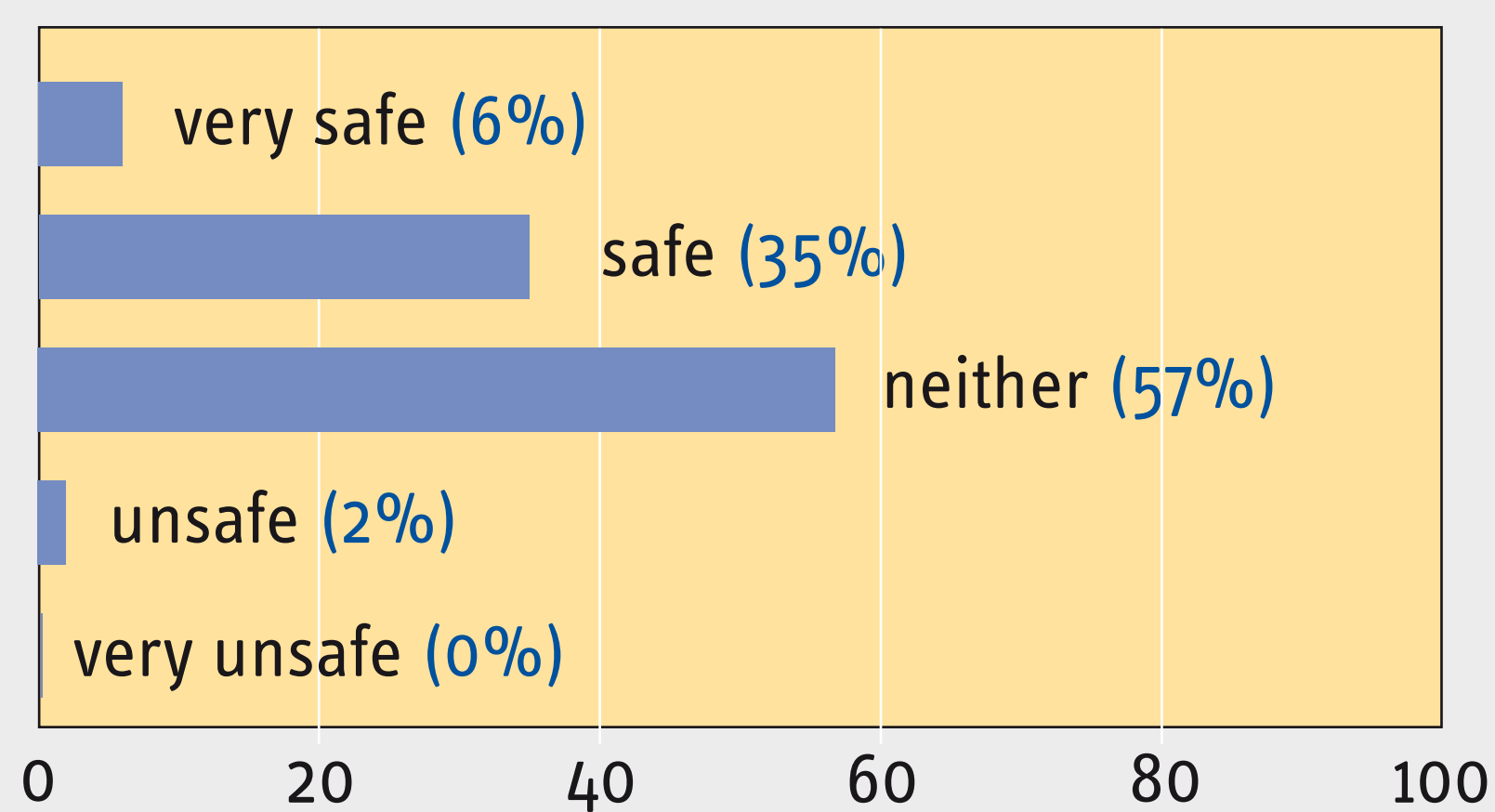
When purchasing work equipment, enterprises usually have a wide range of products to select. Are these products considered safe and health-friendly? What information is really important for enterprises looking to make purchases? Are certification marks helpful when choosing a product?

To get to know more about this, BG-PRÜFZERT invited safety specialists, purchasers and all employees involved in the selection of work equipment to take part in an on-line survey. The survey ran from June to August 2008 and involved 175 participants, mainly safety experts.

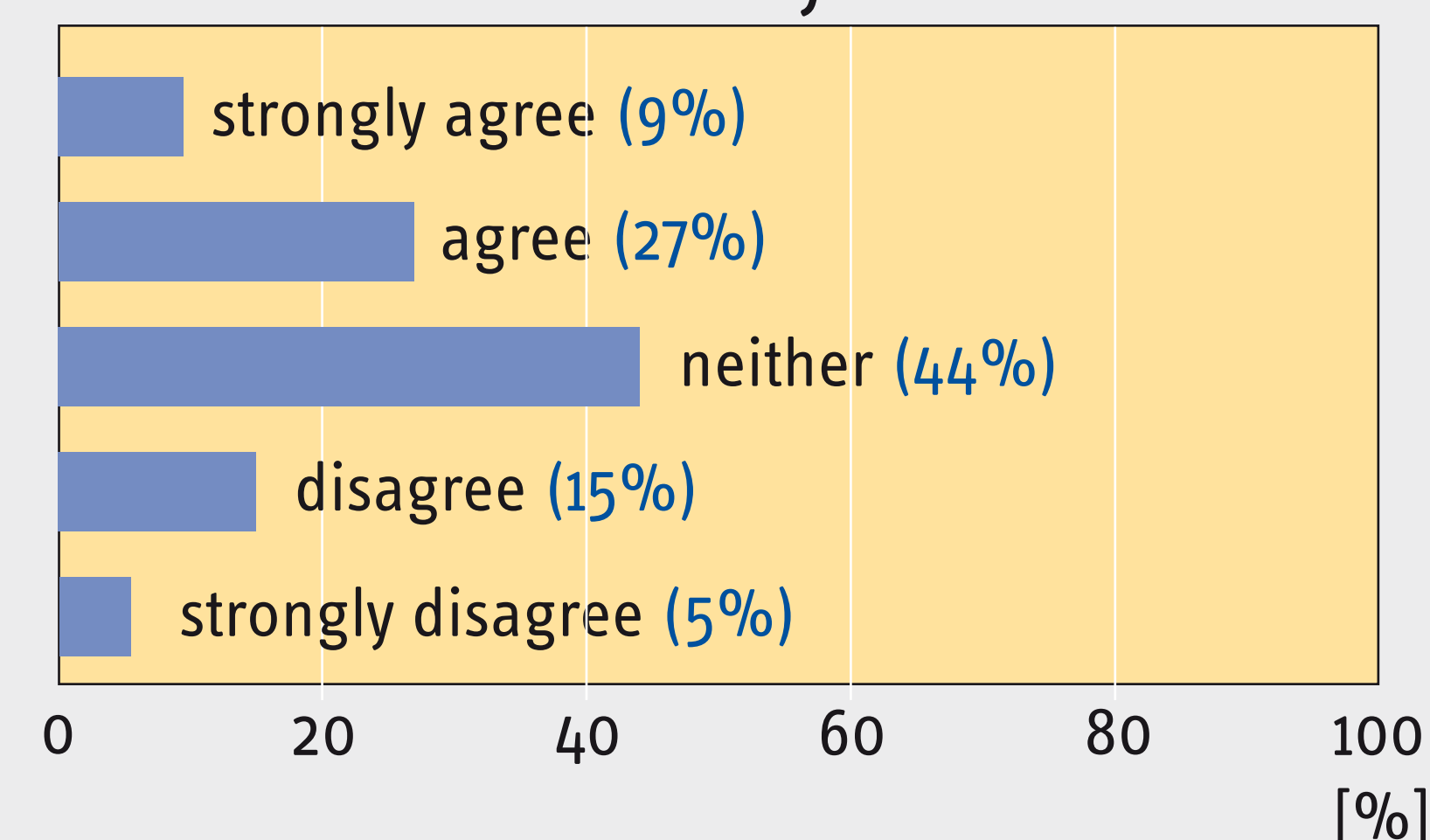
The results only provide information on those buyers who replied to the questions and cannot be taken as representative. Nevertheless, they are most likely reflecting trends.



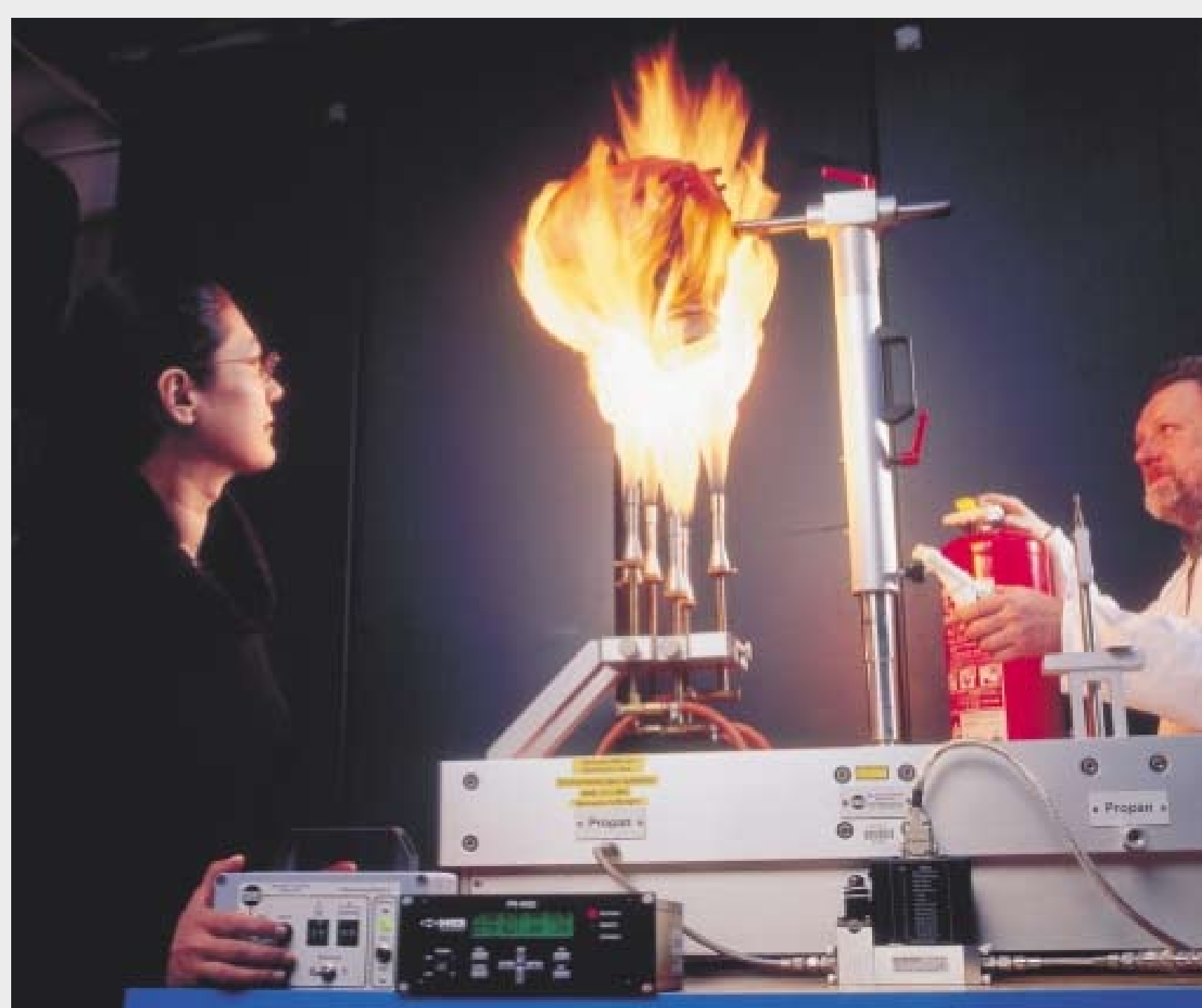
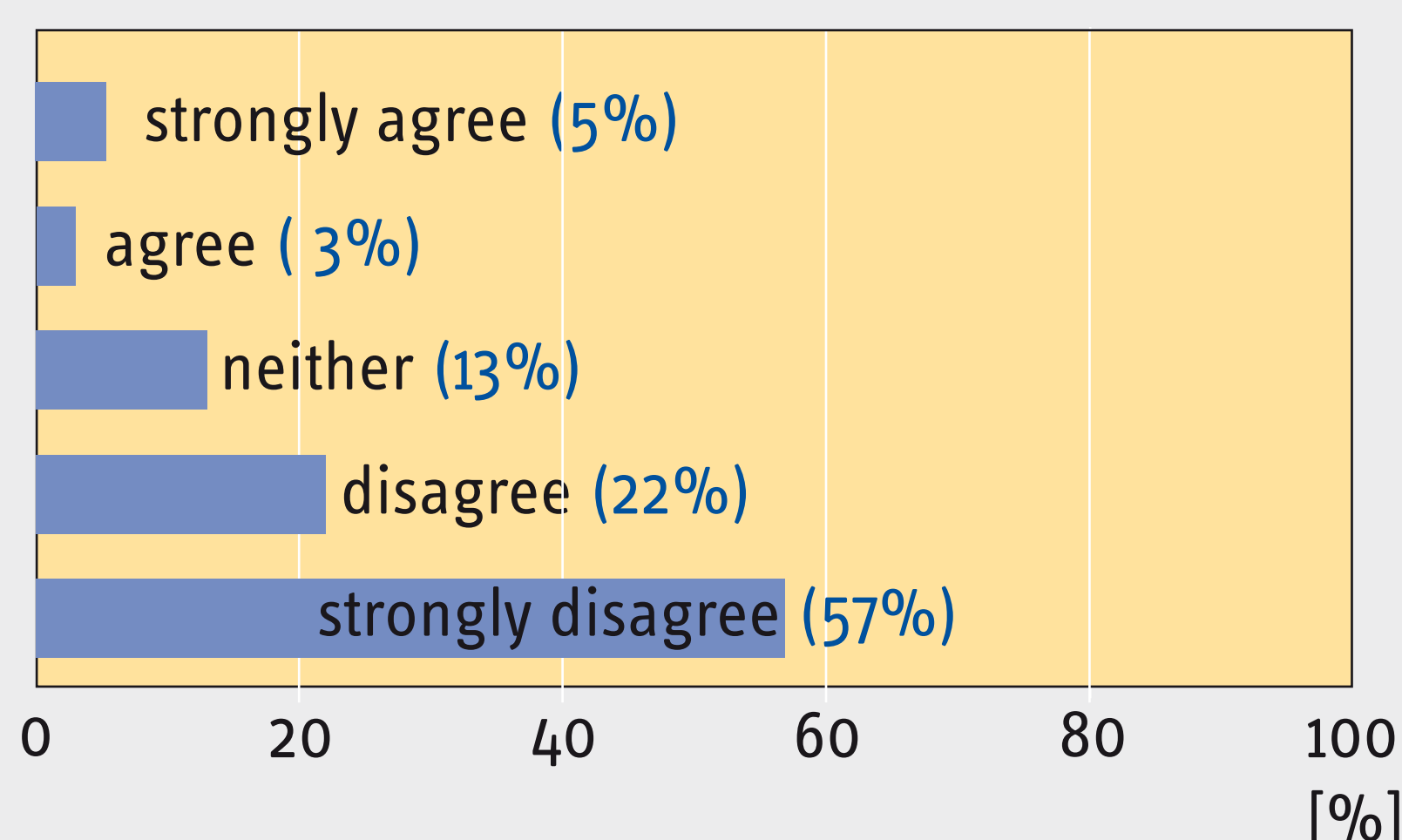
How safe and health-friendly do you think the work equipment on sale is in general?



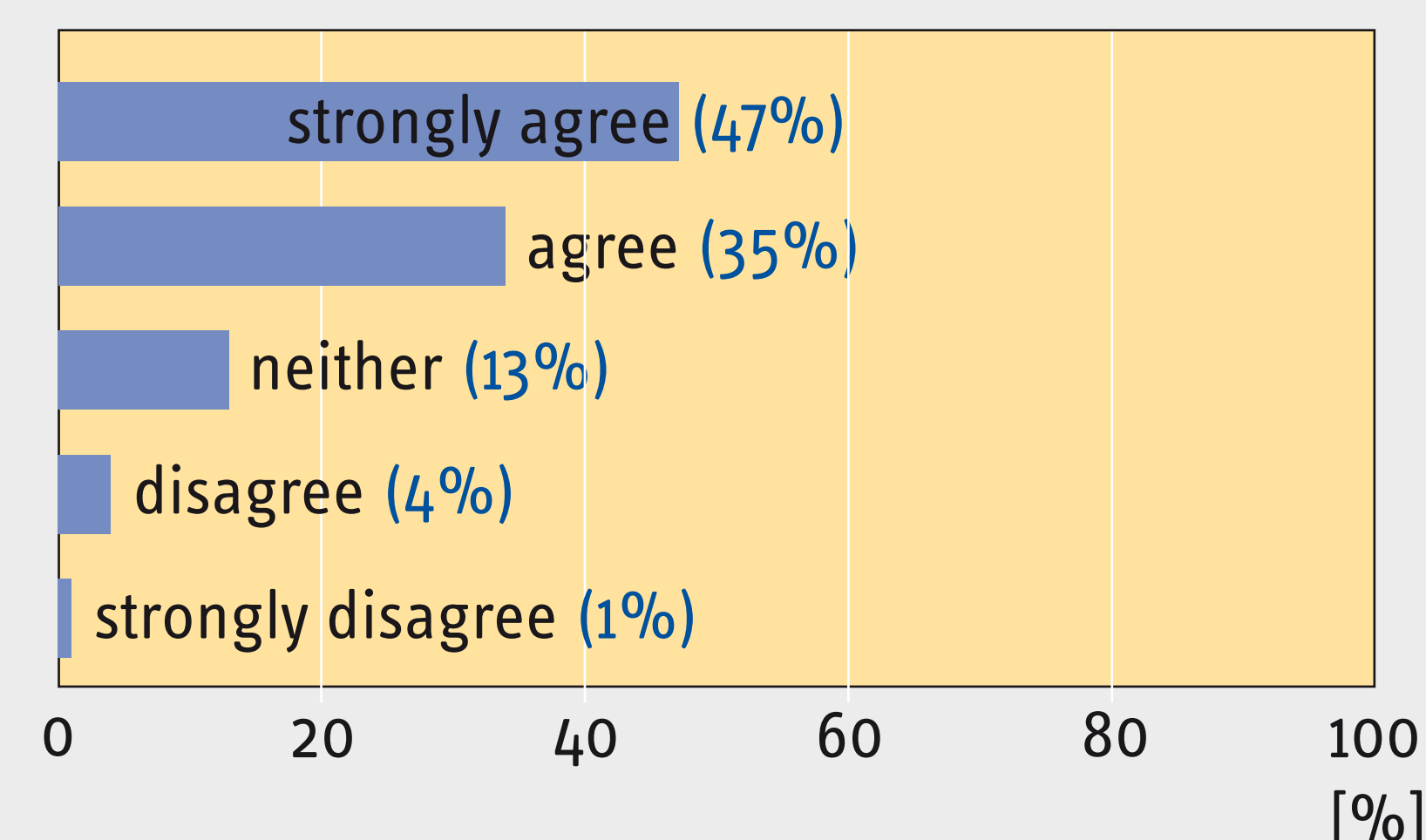
We can judge the safety aspects of capital goods completely ourselves before purchasing / when taking delivery



Since the introduction of the CE mark, safety marks such as the GS mark have become superfluous



Safety marks such as the GS-mark are a helpful source of information on the safety of a product



RESULTS: Safety and health aspects of the work equipment are considered as (very) important when purchasing products. The most important need is seen to obtain better information on the safety aspects from manufacturers and dealers. Nearly every participant consider it positive, if a manufacturer has tested his product by an independent body. More results are planned to be published in autumn: <http://www.dguv.de/bg-pruefzert/survey>.

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