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**OSH Program Directive Number 75-1910.262-6**

**Subject:** Protection for Loom Fixers

**Standard:** Article VI, Section 1910.262 (n) (2), Rules and Regulations,  
Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

**Cross Reference to  
Federal Standards:** 29 CFR 1910.262 (n) (2).

**Background:** There has been confusion as to the State's interpretation of this particular subsection of this regulation; therefore, OSH Program Directive Number 74-24-4 dated January 24, 1975 is hereby canceled. The following interpretation will apply:

**Interpretation:** The requirement reading, "Provisions shall be made so that every loom fixer can prevent the loom from being started while he is at work on the loom", shall be interpreted to mean that the loom fixer shall have sole control over any method of starting the loom while he is at work on the loom and no other person shall be capable of starting the loom while the loom fixer is at work on the loom.

The phrase "by other effective means to prevent starting the loom", is interpreted to mean that other effective means shall be equally as effective as a lock, the key to such lock to be retained in the possession of the loom fixer.

**Effective Date:** This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

William M. Lybrand, Director  
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