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OSH Program Directive Number 80-1926.50-1 (REVISED)

Subject: First Aid Kits Which Comply With the Construction Standards.

Standard: Article VII, Section 1926.50 (d) (2), Rules and Regulations,
Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

**Cross Reference to
Federal Standards:** 29 CFR 1926.50 (d) (2).

Background:

- a. The above Rule and Regulation (standard) states; “The first aid kit shall consist of materials approved by the consulting physician in a weatherproof container with individual sealed packages for each type of item”. Requests for clarification have been received as to whether the “commercial or cabinet-type” kit is as acceptable as the “unit-type” kit.
- b. “Unit-type kits” have all items in the first aid kit individually wrapped, sealed and packaged in comparable size packages. The “commercial or cabinet-type kit” does not require all items to be individually wrapped and sealed, but only those which must be kept sterile. The items in the “commercial or cabinet-type” kits are not necessarily of uniform size.

This directive replaces OSH Program Directive number 73-1926.50-1 (formerly Interpretative Bulletin #73-27-1).

Interpretation:

- a. Items such as scissors, tweezers, tubes of ointment, or adhesive tape, need not be individually wrapped, sealed or disposed of after a single application. Individual packaging and sealing should be required only for those items which must be kept sterile in a first aid kit recommended by a consulting physician.
- b. Commercial or cabinet-type first aid kits, as well as unit-type first aid kits meet the requirements of compliance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Labor.

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

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