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Division of Labor  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211

**OSH Program Directive Number 76-1910.132-2**

**Subject:** Wire Mesh Gloves Not Mandatory for Meatcutters in Retail Stores.

**Standard:** Article VI, Section 1910.132 (a), Rules and Regulations,  
Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

**Cross Reference to  
Federal Standards:** 29 CFR 1910.132 (a).

**Background:** Several recent court cases, including both federal and state ones, have been held regarding the wearing of wire mesh gloves by meatcutters in retail meat establishments. In all such recent cases the decision of the review officer or judge has been to vacate the citation and penalty on the grounds that such use of knives is not a hazard process.

**Interpretation:** In view of the hearing officers' or judges' rulings, the failure of meatcutters to wear wire mesh gloves in the meat department of retail establishments shall be cited as de minimis.

**Effective Date:** This directive is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendments to the Regulation or Program Directive.

William M. Lybrand, Director  
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