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Division of Labor
Office of Occupational Safety and Health
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

OSH Program Directive Number 94-1910.212-12 (REVISED)

Subject: Subarticle 6, § 1910.212 (a) (3) (ii), Awareness Barriers Installed on Metal Cutting Shears

Standard: Subarticle 6, § 1910.212 (a) (3) (ii), Rules and Regulations, Director of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1910.212 (a) (3) (ii)

Cancellation: Existing Program Directive Number 81-1910.212-12 dated June 12, 1981 is cancelled.

Background: Point of operation awareness barriers conforming to ANSI B11.4-1993, Sections 6.3.3 through 6.4 (which includes reference to ANSI B11.19-1990, paragraphs 4.2.1, 4.3, 4.4.3.3 and Section 5 for safeguarding methods) may be used in guarding the point of entry of material, where it is not possible to conform with the guidelines of Table 1, Column B of performed on the shear. Under these circumstances, the awareness barrier is an acceptable form of guarding the point of operation.

Interpretation: For compliance purposes, the Office of OSH shall accept properly applied awareness barrier safeguarding specified by ANSI B11.4-1993, Section 6.3.3 through 6.4, as an acceptable form of point of operation safeguarding on metal cutting shears for situations in which it is impossible to employ a fixed guard or point of operation device due to the diversity of operations performed on the shear.

Effective Date: This directive is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to this directive.

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