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OSH Program Directive Number 75-1910.212/1910.217-4/3

Subject: Clarification of the Applicability of Article VI, Sections 1910.212 and 1910.217 to Platen Presses.

Standard: Article VI, Sections 1910.212 and 1910.217, Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1910.212 and 1910.217.

Background: To provide specific clarifications on the applicability of Article VI, Sections 1910.212 and 1910.217 to platen presses.

Interpretation: In the 1.1 Scope section of ANSI-B11.1-1971, Safety Requirements for Construction, Care and Use of Mechanical Power Presses, the standard applies only to those mechanically powered machines that shear, punch, form or assemble metal or other material by means of tools or dies attached to slides.

The U. S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Office of Standards Development is currently promulgating a change to their 29 CFR 1910.217 (a) (5) that will add platen presses to the list of excluded machines. Therefore, our Article VI, Section 1910.212 shall apply to point of operation guarding for platen presses.

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the regulation or program directive.

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