

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

Chapter 7
Subchapter 7F

CFR Revision 144
CFR II

Field Information System
Longshoring and Marine Terminals
29 CFR 1910, 29 CFR 1917, 29 CFR 1918
Final Rule

DISCUSSION:

In the July 25, 1997, *Federal Register* [[62 FR 40141-40234](#)], federal OSHA issued a final rule that revised the regulations for the Longshoring Standard (i.e., ship side cargo handling) and those parallel sections of the Marine Terminals Standard (i.e., shore side cargo handling). The comprehensive revisions to the Longshoring Standard essentially update the standard for the first time since it was adopted in 1971. The amendments to the Marine Terminals Standard were made to provide consistency with the language of the Longshoring Standard. Also, non-substantive changes were made to some general industry standards to conform terminology usage as it applies to the marine cargo-handling environments. The principal hazards addressed by the rules are associated with cargo lifting, transfer of vehicular cargo, manual cargo handling, and exposure to hazardous atmospheres. The effective date for compliance with the final rule is January 21, 1998. However, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, compliance with the information collection requirements of these adopted rules is not mandatory pending issuance of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control numbers.

From an OSHNC enforcement perspective, 29 CFR 1918 (Longshoring) is outside of OSHNC jurisdiction and the balance of this final rule is only applicable to the public sector employees of local governments or of the State of North Carolina [Ref.: N.C. General Statute 95-128].

ACTION:

The final rule was adopted verbatim in North Carolina by the Commissioner of Labor with an effective date of October 15, 1997. A copy of the referenced *Federal Register* Notice is attached. Copies of the associated amendments to the *NC Administrative Code* are available upon request.

Please file this package as NC CFR Revision 144 in CFR II of your Field Information System (FIS). Also, please annotate your FIS Index to indicate that CFR 144, Marine Terminals, has been added.

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