

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

Chapter 7

CFR Revision 163

Subchapter 7F

Field Information System

**Powered Industrial Trucks Operator Training**

29 CFR 1910.178 General Industry; 29 CFR 1926 Construction;

29 CFR 1915 Shipyard; 29 CFR 1917 Marine Terminals

DISCUSSION:

On December 1, 1998, federal OSHA promulgated a final rule related to powered industrial truck (e.g., forklifts) operator training.

The final rule is intended to reduce the number of injuries and deaths that are occurring as a result of inadequate operator training. The rule applies to general industry, construction, shipyards and marine terminals. The following table provides information on when employers must be in compliance with the new requirements:

<b>If the employee was hired.....</b>	<b>Initial training and evaluation of that employee must be completed.....</b>
<b>Before December 1, 1999</b>	<b>By December 1, 1999</b>
<b>After December 1, 1999</b>	<b>Before the employee is assigned to operate a powered industrial truck</b>

ACTION:

The N.C. Commissioner of Labor adopted the amended federal safety standards verbatim with an effective date of February 22, 1999.

Refer to the 12/1/98 [\*Federal Register\*](#) (63 FR 66238 et. seq.) for the details related to these requirements.

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