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TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS/OSHA

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Subject: 29 CFR 1910.213(c)(1)and (h)(1), Woodworking Machinery Guarding Requirements

1. Purpose

The purpose of this directive is to provide guidance in the application of 29 CFR 1910.213 by specifying the application of paragraph (c)(1) to hand-fed ripaws and paragraphs (g)(1) and (h)(1) to swing cutoff saws and radial saws.

2. Documentation Affected

This directive supersedes and cancels OSHA Program Directive #100-45 dated January 23, 1976, and OSHA Field Information Memorandums #76-2A dated January 28, 1976, and #77-5 dated February 17, 1977.

3. Background

This directive was developed to inform field personnel of the alternate methods of meeting the intent of 29CFR 1910.213(c)(1), (g)(1) and (h)(1) to eliminate employee exposure to point of operation hazards.

4. Action

a. In those instances where fixed enclosures, fixed barrier guards, or manually adjusted guards are used that provide protection equivalent to the protection of automatically adjusted guards, thereby preventing employee exposure to the saw blade, no citation shall be issued.

b. Accordingly, when a fixed enclosure, fixed barrier, or manually adjusted guard is used instead of an automatic guard, it shall be considered de minimus. That is, provided the guards are used in accord with manufacturer's instructions and under sufficient supervision to insure consistent compliance with these instructions.

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5. Effective Date

This directive is effective immediately and will remain in effect until canceled or superseded.

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