

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation  
Division of Labor  
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**OSH Program Directive Number 80-1910.179-1 (REVISED)**

**Subject:** Inspection Requirements of Chain Hoists, Capacity 5 Tons or Less, Under Article VI, Section 1910.179 (j).

**Standard:** Article VI, Section 1910.179 (j), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

**Cross Reference to Federal Standards:** 29 CFR 1910.179 (j).

**Background:** The Division of OSH has received several requests for classification of the above standard in reference to inspection requirements of chain hoists with a rated capacity of five (5) tons or less, and are not a part of an overhead or gantry crane. (Note: This directive does not apply to chain hoists which are a part of an overhead or gantry crane.)

This directive replaces OSH Program number 73-1910.179-1 (formerly OSH P. D. #73-11-2).

**Interpretation:** The above referred standard is not applicable to chain hoists unless they are a part of an overhead or gantry crane.

ANSI B30.16 (not incorporated into OSHA standards) does set forth periodic inspection on these types of chain hoists. It would be advisable to conduct inspections on chain hoists in accordance with ANSI B30.16-1973.

NOTE: All slings must meet applicable requirements on Section 1910.184 regardless of the type or size of the hoisting mechanism or type of crane.

**Effective Date:** This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

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