

South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Division of Labor
Office of Occupational Safety and Health
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

OSH Program Directive Number 77-1910.213-5

Subject: Woodworking Machinery Guarding Requirements For Swing Cutoff Saws and Radial Saws under Article VI, Sections 1910.213 (g) (1) and (h) (1).

Standard: Article VI, Sections 1910.213 (g) (1) and (h) (1), Rules and Regulations, Commissioner of Labor, State of South Carolina.

Cross Reference to Federal Standards: 29 CFR 1910.213 (g) (1) and (h) (1).

Background: To clarify the meaning in the application of Article VI, Sections 1910.213 (g) (1) and (h) (1) as to swing cutoff saws and radial saws in accordance with Federal OSHA Field Information Memorandum #77-5.

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

Accordingly, when a fixed enclosure, fixed barrier, or manually adjusted guard is used instead of an automatic guard, a de minimis notice shall be issued. That is, provided the guards are used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and under sufficient supervision to ensure consistent compliance with these instructions.

Effective Date: This instruction is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until cancelled or superseded by amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

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