

OSH INFORMATION MEMORANDUM: 81-X-49

TO: All Directors, Supervisors, and Field Personnel

FROM: William M. Lybrand, Director of OSH

SUBJECT: Acceptable Hinged Rest Platforms for use on ladders under Section 1910.27(d)(2)

DATE: January 23, 1981

PURPOSE

This memorandum is intended to clarify the use of hinged rest platforms, as manufactured by several specialty companies, under section 1910.27(d)(2).

BACKGROUND

Several letters have been received by Federal OSHA on the acceptability of hinged rest platforms as landing platforms for ladders extending over twenty feet in height, especially from the Railoc Company. A reply was forwarded to the Railoc Company, Inc., by Mr. John A. Proctor, Chief, Office of Standards Development, thus precipitating this memorandum.

INTERPRETATION

The hinged rest platforms as manufactured by the Railoc Company and other specialty companies are acceptable as landing platforms under Section 1910.27(d)(2) so long as such platforms are installed in accordance with manufacturer's instructions (see attachment).