



Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC

Orgalime Proposal for the European Commission Guidelines

Annex I article 1.1.6

“Avoiding a machine-determined work rate”

What is unclear in the directive 2006/42/EC and has to be clarified?

To meet the ergonomic principles machine-determined work rate should be avoided.

When is the work rate at a level where ergonomic principles are at stake and the machine is to be considered not to comply?

E.g. is a machine working at a rate of 200 pieces per minute where the operator can supply the machine with 50 pieces per minute acceptable? Or does a carving line in a slaughterhouse have to have adjustable speed so the work rate can be changed?

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A machine determined work rate should not adversely affect the health and/or safety of users. Where necessary, the work rate must be adjustable by the user in order to adapt to the physical dimensions, strength and stamina of the persons that are supposed to work at the machine, and appropriate instructions provided.

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