



Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC

Orgalime Proposal for the European Commission Guidelines

Annex I article 1.1.6

“Allowing for the variability of the operator's physical dimensions, strength and stamina”

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

How will a manufacturer know the physical dimensions, strength and stamina of the person supposed to work at the machine?

In order to meet the ergonomic principles, the workplace at a machine needs to be adjustable. If the workplace cannot be made adjustable, e.g. the table on a band saw for woodworking at carpentry - is there then a time limit for the time this person can work at the workplace?

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Specific requirements are defined in European harmonised standards, possibly in generic standards, but also in specific machinery standards.

However, the responsibility also lies with the employer as the manufacturer of the machine would not know the physical dimensions, strength and stamina of the persons who are supposed to work at the machine.

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