



# Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC

## Orgalime Proposal for the European Commission Guidelines

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### Annex 1, 1.4.2.1, paragraph 2

“Their fixing system must remain attached to the guards or to the machinery when the guards are removed”

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

→ Many fixed guards are never or very seldom removed. To apply this demand on all fixed guards result in more complicated design and higher cost.

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→ When it is foreseen (e.g. for maintenance according to the instruction manual) that the fixed guard will be removed regularly then the fastenings shall remain attached to the guard or to the machinery

Fixed guards that are not intended to be removed do not need to have their fixing systems attached.

### **Important remark:**

This fiche should be given priority since important to receive early guidance for a large number of machinery manufacturers who supply mobile and static machines in a wide variety of industries, e.g. general industry, construction and agriculture because it could have implications for the revisions of standards under Directive 2006/42/EC.

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