



Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC

Orgalime Proposal for the European Commission Guidelines

Annex I, point 1.7.1.

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

The text “may be accompanied, *on request*, by versions in any other official Community language or languages understood by the operators” raises the following question: Who can request additional language versions? the customer or the authority?

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We understand this wording as a possibility for the customer to request further language versions depending on the nationalities of his/her staff.

However, the manufacturer is not obliged to provide it free of charge.

Furthermore, the obligations under directive 89/655/EC (safety at the work place) have to be met by the user of the machine at his/her own costs and responsibility and not by the manufacturer.

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