



Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC

Orgalime Proposal for the European Commission Guidelines

Annex I 1.7.4 Translation instructions only restricted to safety aspects
'All machinery must be accompanied by instructions (etc.)'

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

The existing Directive reads in 1.7.4 under a) i.a.:

- *instructions for safe:*
 - *putting into service*
 - *use,*
 - *handling, etc.*

This text shows very clearly that the requirements on "Instructions" are restricted to safety issues as it is for translations of instructions.

Unfortunately the reference to safety is not mentioned any more in the new Directive. This will lead (and has already led) to the question from customers for entirely translated instructions, including aspects which have no reference to safety, which will induce extra costs for the manufacturer.

Despite the fact that the heading of Annex I only includes "Essential health and safety requirements...", it is very regrettable that the new text in 1.7.4 does not include a clear reference to safety. It would be very helpful if the Guide could confirm the relation with safety.

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1.7.4. Requirements on instructions, including the translations, are only for safety and health related issues.

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