



Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC

Orgalime Proposal for the European Commission Guidelines

Annex I, point 1.7.4.2. indent (c)

“Each instruction manual must contain, where applicable, at least the following information: ...
(c) the EC declaration of conformity, or a document setting out the contents of the EC declaration of conformity, showing the particulars of the machinery, not necessarily including the serial number and the signature...”

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

Provision of information from the European Commission Declaration of Conformity which may not be known until some time after the publication of the instruction manual or be of possible variance to that of the pre-published instruction manual

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Instruction manuals are rarely produced for individual machines and are printed instead in batches for series production. The Directive already clarifies that it is not necessary to repeat information such as serial number and the signature of the person empowered to sign the European Commission Declaration of Conformity on behalf of the manufacturer, but does not expressly consider other variables for which presentation in the instructions may be an issue:

- The date of the declaration which is not known until the end of the production process
- The harmonised standards applied which can change frequently and even vary by the equipment specification produced
- The name of the person responsible for the Technical Construction File which may change due to the career progression of said persons.

The minimum information, which is to be included in the instruction manual, is the following:

1. Business name and full address of the manufacturer and, where appropriate, his/her authorised representative;
2. Description and identification of the machinery, including generic denomination, function, model, type and commercial name;
3. A sentence expressly declaring that the machinery fulfils all the relevant provisions of this Directive and, where appropriate, a similar sentence declaring the conformity with other Directives and/or relevant provisions with which the machinery complies. These references must be those of the texts published in the Official Journal of the European Union;
4. Where appropriate, the name, address and identification number of the notified body which carried out the European Commission type-examination referred to in Annex IX and the number of the European Commission type-examination certificate;
5. Where appropriate, the name, address and identification number of the notified body which approved the full quality assurance system referred to in Annex X.

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