



Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC

Orgalime Proposal for the European Commission Guidelines

Annex VII, A. and B, 1st introducing paras

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

4th sentence: “The technical file (under B. the documentation) must be compiled in one or more official Community language(s)”.

What does that mean in practice?

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The sense of this wording is the possibility for manufacturers to include parts of the technical file (or documentation, respectively), which were delivered by sub-suppliers together with components and which are written in one of the Community languages.

This means, for example, that a German manufacturer can use technical information delivered by his/her French sub-supplier in the French language, and include them as such in the technical file (or documentation, respectively) of the machine.

If the sub-supplier, however, provides information in a non EU-community language such as Japanese, this information has to be translated in one of the official Community languages.

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