



Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC

Orgalime Proposal for the European Commission Guidelines

Articles 1 and 2

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

Interchangeable equipment

Orgalime Proposals for the European Commission Guidelines:

→ "Interchangeable equipment is the equipment that is intended to be assembled with machinery after the basic machinery has been put into service. One or more items of interchangeable equipment may also be supplied by the machinery manufacturer together with the basic machinery. In such a case, a separate Declaration of Conformity is necessary for the machinery and for each item of interchangeable equipment.

Equipment that is assembled with machinery by the manufacturer when the machinery is placed on the market and intended to be used only in this specific combination, is not considered interchangeable equipment but as part of the machinery."

→ Orgalime also requests the deletion of the reference to climbing frames as an example in the European Commission draft text on articles 1&2 (paragraph 41). The Commission's text refers to climbing frames (used in the erection of tower cranes) which are classed as interchangeable equipment. This is in conflict with a decision made by the European Commission Machinery Working Group at a meeting on 18 & 19 December 2002 (see item 10 (text highlighted) in the [meeting's minutes](#)).

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