



Machinery Directive & Harmonised Standards

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Directive 2006/42/EC(*) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 on machinery, and amending Directive 95/16/EC (recast) with last communication references of harmonized standards(**) which have been generated by the HAS (Harmonised Standards) database.

Directive 2006/42/EC is a revised version of the Machinery Directive, the first version of which was adopted in 1989.

The Directive has the dual aim of harmonising the health and safety requirements applicable to machinery on the basis of a high level of protection of health and safety, while ensuring the free circulation of machinery on the EU market.

The machinery sector is an important part of the engineering industry and is one of the industrial mainstays of the Community economy.

Machinery can be described as "an assembly, fitted with or intended to be fitted with a drive system other than directly applied human or animal effort, consisting of linked parts or components, at least one of which moves, and which are joined together for a specific application".

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Directive 2009/127/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 amending Directive 2006/42/EC with regard to machinery for pesticide application.

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