

Standards

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Service Bureau and Attorney General and will be sent to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Part 7. Guards for Power Transmission.

This standard establishes the necessary guards for all equipment used in the transmission of power, excluding the point of operation. An amendment to the standard as a result of federal revocations was given 1st approval by the commission and a public hearing was held on July 22, 1980. No comment was offered at the public hearing and the standard was given 2nd approval by the commission and will be sent to the Legislative Service Bureau for informal review.

Part 8. Portable Fire Extinguishers.

This standard applies to portable fire extinguishers in, around, or about the place of employment. An amendment to the standard as a result of federal revocations was given 1st approval by the commission. A public hearing was held January 23, 1980. This standard was certified by the Legislative Service Bureau and Attorney General and was submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Part 12. Welding and Cutting.

This standard establishes rules which are intended to provide reasonable safety to those employees performing or that are exposed to welding and cutting operations. An amendment to the standard as a result of federal revocations was given 1st approval by the commission. A public hearing was held January 23, 1980. The standard was certified by the Legislative Service Bureau and Attorney General and will be sent to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Part 21. Powered Industrial Trucks.

This standard establishes the minimum safety rules for the care and use of powered industrial trucks and for operator safety and specifications of equipment. An amendment to the standard as a result of federal revocations was given 1st approval by the commission. A public hearing was held January 23, 1980. This standard was certified by the Legislative Service Bureau and Attorney General and was submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

Part 31. Personal Protective Equipment.

An amendment concerning the use of gloves and aprons when performing abrasive blasting was given 1st approval by the commission. The amendment had a public hearing on July 22, 1980. No comment was offered at the public hearing and the standard was given 2nd approval by the commission and will be sent to the Legislative Service Bureau for informal review.

Part 63. Pulp, Paper and Paperboard Mills.

This part provides for the protection of employees where pulp, paper and paperboard is manufactured and converted. An amendment to the standard as a result of federal revocations was given 1st approval by the commission and a public hearing was held on July 22, 1980. No comment was offered at the public hearing and the standard was given 2nd approval by the commission and will be sent to the Legislative Service Bureau for informal review.

Part 71. Laundry and Dry Cleaning Machinery and Operations.

This standard provides for the safe maintenance and operation of laundry and dry cleaning machinery and other related equipment. Amendments to the standard as a result of federal revocations were given 1st approval by the commission and a public hearing was held on July 22, 1980. No comment was offered at the public hearing and the standard

was given 2nd approval by the commission and will be sent to the Legislative Service Bureau for informal review.

Further information can be obtained from the Safety Standards Division of the Bureau of Safety and Regulation. (517) 322-1845.

By the Elevator Safety Board

The Elevator Safety Board has given approval to amendments in the elevator safety rules. These proposed amendments were the subject of a public hearing scheduled on February 5, 1980. The rules, as amended by the public hearing testimony, were certified by the Legislative Service Bureau and Attorney General and will be submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules in the near future.

Further information can be obtained from the Elevator Division of the Bureau of Safety and Regulation. (517) 322-1839.

By the Carnival-Amusement Safety Board

The Carnival-Amusement Safety Board has given approval to amendments in the carnival rules and have established rules for the design, construction and operation of gravity propelled rides. The proposed amendments were the subject of a public hearing on February 6, 1980. The rules, as amended as a result of public hearing testimony, were submitted to the Legislative Service Bureau and Attorney General for informal review. These rules will be submitted to the Legislative Service Bureau for formal certification in the near future.

Further information can be obtained from the Ski-Carnival Division of the Bureau of Safety and Regulation. (517) 322-1822.

Chemical Exposure Study

The National Academy of Sciences, in a study prepared for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, has recommended that human exposure to formaldehyde be reduced to the lowest practical level.

The study provides additional evidence for CPSC to consider as it develops regulatory alternatives for products containing formaldehyde including urea formaldehyde home insulation, plywood and particle board, various textiles and carpeting and some plastics.

CPSC has received more than 600 complaints from people living in homes insulated with UF foam, with reported symptoms ranging from eye and skin irritation to breathing difficulties, persistent nosebleeds and nausea.

Staff of the commission is preparing language for a warning label on UF foam installation contracts. The warning would alert homeowners to the potential problems that may arise.

The commission has been studying the effects of formaldehyde for the past few years.

Preliminary results of this study showed that a high proportion of the laboratory rats had developed a form of nasal cancer.

The Commission also recently concluded its final regional public hearing on consumer exposure to formaldehyde.

A CPSC fact sheet on formaldehyde in consumer products and can be obtained by writing the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 1111 18th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20207.

Committee Interprets Lock Rule

Several years ago, the Bureau of Construction Codes established a Code Interpretation Committee to review questions regarding codes. This committee is comprised of the bureau director and each division chief. Questions received are reviewed and a recommended interpretation is prepared for the Construction Code Commission's consideration. If the commission concurs with the staff's interpretation, the interpretation is considered official, is numbered and released to construction code officials.

Question 80-1: Does Section 612.5.1, Door Hardware: restrict the use of a key lock on the egress side of door?

Answer: Yes, except in use group I-1 (institutional, restrained).

Comment: Section 612.5 states "All egress doors shall be readily opened from the side from which egress is to be made without the use of a key or special knowledge or effort except for special institutional uses as indicated in Section 612.5.3."

Section 612.5.3 allows for the use of this type of locking device in Use Group I-1 (institutional, restrained) when "occupied as places of detention, approved releasing devices with remote control shall be provided for emergency use unless otherwise specifically approved."

Section 612.5 further requires "Except for dwelling units, draw bolts, hooks and other similar devices shall be prohibited on all egress doors, unless there is a readily visible durable sign on the door stating "This door to remain unlocked during occupancy" and that the sign be "in letters not less than one (1) inch high on a contrasting background." This section goes on to require that "the locking device must be of a type that will be readily distinguishable as locked. The use of manually operated flush bolts or surface bolts is prohibited."

Section 612.5.1 further prohibits the use of "Double cylinder dead bolts requiring use of a key on both sides, on required means of egress in use group R (residential) occupancies."

WMU Accepting Masters Program Applications

Western Michigan University is accepting applications for the 1981 Masters of Public Administration Program in Lansing.

The Lansing program admits students only in January and all admission material must be submitted two months prior.

The program prepares recent college graduates and career professionals for leadership positions in public service.

Applications and information about the program are available from Mark Thompson, director of Western Michigan University's Lansing Study Center, 309 North Washington Square, Suite 107, Lansing, MI 48933 or by calling 517-372-8114.