

OSHA Directives

STD 4.2 - Low Profile Tractor

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TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS/OSHA

THRU: DONALD E. MACKENZIE Field Coordinator

Subject: Low Profile Tractor

1. Purpose

The purpose of this directive is to clarify citing of Roll-over Protective Structures (ROPS) for tractors used in agricultural operations. The "low profile tractor" is presently defined as wheeled tractors only, but in reality may also be tracked tractors. 29 CFR 1928.51(b)(1) and (2) shall not be cited when the exempt uses of 29 CFR 1928.51(b)(5)(i) or (ii) "Low profile tractor" are met by the use of an "agricultural tractor" that is a track vehicle meeting the requirements of 29 CFR 1928.51(a) (2)(3) and (4).

2. Documentation Affected

None.

3. Background

29 CFR 1928.51(a) defines a "low profile tractor" as a wheeled tractor possessing the four characteristics listed in the standard. Track vehicles meeting the essential characteristics contained in 29 CFR 1928.51(a) shall also be defined as "low profile tractors."

4. Action

29 CFR 1928.51(b)(1) and (2) shall not be cited when the requirements of 29 CFR 1928.51(b)(5)(i) or (ii) "low profile tractor" are met by an "agricultural tractor" that is a track vehicle meeting the requirements of 29 CFR 1928.51(a)(2)(3) and (4).

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5. Effective Date

This directive is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until canceled or superseded.

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