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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Standards Notice - 5

TO: All OSHA Consultants, Supervisors, and Safety Officers

SUBJECT: 29 CFR 1910.178 (m)(12)

The above standard states:

Whenever a truck is equipped with vertical only or vertical and horizontal controls elevatable with the lifting carriage or forks for lifting personnel, the following additional precautions shall be taken for the protection of personnel being elevated.

- i. Use of a safety platform firmly secured to the lifting carriage and/or forks.
- ii. Means shall be provided whereby personnel on the platform can shut off power to the truck.
- iii. Such protection from falling objects as indicated necessary by the operating conditions shall be provided.

Before any of the additional precautions (i, ii, and iii above) can be required of an establishment being inspected, it must be ascertained that the controls are elevatable with the lifting carriage or forks. If the controls are not elevatable with the lifting carriage or forks, then the establishment will not be cited under the above standard.