

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH DIVISION
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Standards Notice - 3

TO: All OSHA Consultants, Supervisors, and Safety Officers

SUBJECT: 29 CFR 1910.22 (b)

The above standard states:

Aisles and passageways. (1) Where mechanical handling equipment is used, sufficient safe clearances shall be allowed for aisles, at loading docks, through doorways and wherever turns or passage must be made. Aisles and passageways shall be kept clean and in good repair with no obstruction across or in aisles that could create a hazard. (2) Permanent aisles and passageways shall be appropriately marked.

1. When aisles and passageways at the establishment are evident, i.e., they are formed by racks, machinery, or any other stationary structure which cannot be moved and makes it clear that they are aisles or passageways, and if they are neat and orderly and no apparent violations exist as far as housekeeping or blocked aisleways are concerned, the establishment will not be cited for aisles and passageways not being marked.
2. Sufficient safe clearances shall mean three (3) feet wider than the widest load routinely transported along the aisle or passageway.