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A10.44 Lockout/Tagout in Construction
A10.46 Hearing Loss Prevention
A10.47 Highway Construction Safety
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SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR RIGGING QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. GENERAL

1.1 Scope. This standard establishes minimum criteria of knowledge and performance requirements for a qualified rigger in the construction industry.

1.2 Purpose. This standard is designed to assist in achieving reasonable safety of all persons and materials during the process of, or as the result of, rigging, lifting, or moving of loads.

1.3 Modifications and Exemptions. In cases of practical difficulties, unnecessary hardships, or new developments, exceptions to the literal requirements may be granted by the enforcing authority to permit the use of other devices or methods, but only when it is clearly indicated that the equivalent protection is thereby secured.

1.4 Limitations. This standard does not apply to the training required to be qualified as an operator of powered equipment. This standard does not apply to transportation of loads or maintenance or repair of powered or manual hoists, cranes, winches, or other hoisting equipment.

NOTE: While the qualified rigger is required to know the basic principles and limits of lifting and hoisting equipment, he or she is expected to rely on qualified operators, mechanics, suppliers, engineers, managers, and others involved for valid information, and for competent performance by these other persons in their respective roles. For instance, a rigger may be responsible to determine loads and the farthest radius of a pick, but then must rely on a crane operator to know the safe crane capacity for the configuration and setup of that crane. This principle also applies to operators of hoists, winches, helicopters, etc. Similarly, if a rigger determines that a 5-ton picking beam is needed, he or she can rely on a manager, an engineer who provides specifications, or a supplier who provides a product for the rigger's use.

1.5 Mandatory and Advisory Rules. Mandatory rules of this standard are characterized by the word "shall." If a rule is of an advisory nature, it is indicated by the word "should," or is stated as a recommendation or commentary. The Appendixes are advisory.

1.6 Equivalent. The word "equivalent" in this standard shall mean alternative materials, designs, or features that will provide an equal degree of strength and safety.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 ANSI. American National Standards Institute

2.2 Attachment. A device other than conventional forks or load backrest extension, mounted permanently or removably on the elevating mechanism of a fork truck for handling the load. Popular types are fork extension clamps, rotating devices, side shifters, load stabilizers, rams, and booms.

2.3 Cable. A term loosely applied to wire ropes, wire strands, manila ropes, and electrical conductors.

2.4 Clip. A fitting used to clamp two parts of wire rope (also known as wire rope clip, wire rope clamp).

2.5 Competent Person. One who is capable of identifying existing and predictable hazards in the surroundings or