

Council Directive 92/58/EEC of 24 June 1992 on the minimum requirements  
for the provision of safety and/or health signs at work (ninth individual  
Directive within the meaning of Article 16 (1) of Directive 89/391/EEC)

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ANNEX I

GENERAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING  
SAFETY AND/OR HEALTH SIGNS AT WORK

1. Preliminary remarks
  - 1.1. Where health and/or safety signs are required by the general...
  - 1.2. This Annex introduces those requirements, describes the different uses of...
  - 1.3. Health and/or safety signs must be used only to convey...
2. Types of signs
  - 2.1. Permanent signs
    - 2.1.1. Permanent signboards must be used for signs relating to prohibitions,...

- 2.1.2. Signboards on containers and pipes must be placed as laid...
- 2.1.3. Places where there is a risk of colliding with obstacles...
- 2.1.4. Traffic routes must be permanently marked with a safety colour...
- 2.2. Occasional signs
  - 2.2.1. Illuminated signs, acoustic signals and/or verbal communication must be used...
  - 2.2.2. Hand signals and/or verbal communication must be used where the...
- 3. Interchanging and combining signs
  - 3.1. Any one of the following may be used if equally...
  - 3.2. Some types of signs may be used together:
- 4. The instructions in the table below apply to all signs...
- 5. The effectiveness of a sign must not be adversely affected...
  - 5.1. the presence of another emission source of the same type...
    - 5.1.1. the placing of too many signs too close together should...
    - 5.1.2. two illuminated signs which are likely to be confused are...
    - 5.1.3. an illuminated sign is not to be used in the...
    - 5.1.4. two acoustic signals are not to be used at the...
    - 5.1.5. an acoustic signal is not to be used if there is...
  - 5.2. poor design, insufficient number, incorrect positioning, poor state of repair...
- 6. Depending on requirements, signs and signalling devices must be cleaned,...
- 7. The number and positioning of signs or signalling devices to...
- 8. Signs requiring some form of power must be provided with...
- 9. The triggering of an illuminated sign and/or acoustic signal indicates...
- 10. Illuminated signs and acoustic signals must be checked to ensure...
- 11. If the hearing or the sight of the workers concerned...
- 12. Areas, rooms or enclosures used for the storage of significant...

## ANNEX II

### MINIMUM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING SIGNBOARDS

- 1. Intrinsic features
  - 1.1. The shape and colours of signboards are set out in...
  - 1.2. Pictograms must be as simple as possible and should contain...
  - 1.3. The pictograms used may be slightly different from or more...
  - 1.4. Signboards are to be made of shock and weather-resistant material...
  - 1.5. The dimensions and colorimetric and photometric features of signboards must...
- 2. Conditions of use
  - 2.1. Signboards are in principle to be installed at a suitable...
  - 2.2. The signboard must be removed when the situation to which...

3. Signboards to be used
  - 3.1. Prohibitory signs
  - 3.2. Warning signs
  - 3.3. Mandatory signs
  - 3.4. Emergency escape or first-aid signs
  - 3.5. Fire-fighting signs

### ANNEX III

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING SIGNS ON CONTAINERS AND PIPES

1. Containers used at work for chemical substances or mixtures classified...
2. Signs must be mounted as follows:
3. Where appropriate, the signs referred to in section 1 of...
4. Without prejudice to sections 1,2 and 3, the labels used...
5. Areas, rooms or enclosures used for the storage of significant...

### ANNEX IV

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

1. Preliminary remark
2. Fire-fighting equipment must be identified by using a specific colour...
3. The colour for identifying this equipment is red.
4. The signboards provided for in section 3.5 of Annex II...

### ANNEX V

#### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS GOVERNING SIGNS USED FOR OBSTACLES AND DANGEROUS LOCATIONS, AND FOR MARKING TRAFFIC ROUTES

1. Signs for obstacles and dangerous locations
  - 1.1. Places where there is a risk of colliding with obstacles,...
  - 1.2. The dimensions of the markings must be commensurate with the...
  - 1.3. The yellow and black or red and white stripes must...
  - 1.4. Example:
2. Marking of traffic routes
  - 2.1. Where the use and equipment of rooms so requires for...
  - 2.2. The stripes must be located so as to indicate the...
  - 2.3. Permanent traffic routes in built-up areas outdoors should, as far...

## ANNEX VI

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ILLUMINATED SIGNS

1. Intrinsic features
  - 1.1. The light emitted by a sign must produce a luminous...
  - 1.2. The luminous area emitting a sign may be of a...
  - 1.3. The single colour must correspond to the table of colours...
  - 1.4. Likewise, when the sign contains a pictogram, the latter must...
2. Specific rules governing use
  - 2.1. If a device can emit both continuous and intermittent signs,...
  - 2.2. If a flashing sign is used instead of — or...
  - 2.3. Devices for emitting flashing signs in the event of grave...

## ANNEX VII

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ACOUSTIC SIGNS

1. Intrinsic features
  - 1.1. Acoustic signals must:
  - 1.2. If a device can emit an acoustic signal at variable...
2. Code

## ANNEX VIII

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR VERBAL COMMUNICATION

1. Intrinsic features
  - 1.1. Verbal communication between a speaker or emitter and one or...
  - 1.2. Spoken messages are to be as short, simple and clear...
  - 1.3. Verbal communication is direct (by means of the human voice)...
2. Specific rules governing use
  - 2.1. The persons involved must have a good knowledge of the...
  - 2.2. If verbal communication is used instead of — or together...

## ANNEX IX

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR HAND SIGNALS

1. Features
2. Specific rules governing use
  - 2.1. The person giving the signs, hereinafter referred to as the...
  - 2.2. The signalman must be able to monitor all manoeuvres visually...
  - 2.3. The signalman's duties must consist exclusively of directing manoeuvres and...
  - 2.4. If the conditions described in point 2.2 are not fulfilled,...
  - 2.5. The operator must interrupt the ongoing manoeuvre in order to...
  - 2.6. Accessories:

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3. Coded signals to be used  
Preliminary remark:

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- (3) OJ No C 159, 17.6.1991, p. 9.
- (4) OJ No C 28, 3.2.1988, p. 3.
- (5) OJ No L 229, 7.9.1977, p. 12. Last amended by Commission Directive 79/640/EEC. (OJ No L 183, 19.7.1979, p. 11.).
- (6) OJ No C 28, 3.2.1989, p. 1.
- (7) OJ No L 183, 29.6.1989, p. 1.
- (8) OJ No L 185, 9.7.1974, p. 15.