

Council Directive of 30 November 1989 concerning the minimum safety and health requirements for the workplace (first individual directive within the meaning of Article 16 (1) of Directive 89/391/EEC) (89/654/EEC)

SECTION I

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

*Article 1*

**Subject**

1 This Directive, which is the first individual directive within the meaning of Article 16 (1) of Directive 89/391/EEC, lays down minimum requirements for safety and health at the workplace, as defined in Article 2.

2 This Directive shall not apply to:

- a means of transport used outside the undertaking and / or the establishment, or workplaces inside means of transport;
- b temporary or mobile work sites;
- c extractive industries;
- d fishing boats;
- e fields, woods and other land forming part of an agricultural or forestry undertaking but situated away from the undertaking's buildings.

3 The provisions of Directive 89/391 /EEC are fully applicable to the whole scope referred to in paragraph 1, without prejudice to more [<sup>X1</sup>stringent] and/or specific provisions contained in this Directive.

**Editorial Information**

**X1** Substituted by [Corrigendum to Council Directive 89/654/EEC of 30 November 1989 concerning the minimum safety and health requirements for the workplace \(first individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16 \(1\) of Directive 89/391/EEC\)](#) (Official Journal of the European Communities No L 393 of 30 December 1989).

*Article 2*

**Definition**

For the purposes of this Directive, ‘workplace’ means the place intended to house workstations on the premises of the undertaking and/or establishment and any other place within the area of the undertaking and/or establishment to which the worker has access in the course of his employment.