

Council Directive of 29 May 1990 on the minimum safety and health requirements for work with display screen equipment (fifth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16 (1) of Directive 89/391/EEC) (90/270/EEC)

SECTION I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Subject

1 This Directive, which is the fifth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16 (1) of Directive 89/391/EEC, lays down minimum safety and health requirements for work with display screen equipment as defined in Article 2.

2 The provisions of Directive 89/391/EEC are fully applicable to the whole field referred to in paragraph 1, without prejudice to more stringent and/or specific provisions contained in the present Directive.

3 This Directive shall not apply to:

- a drivers' cabs or control cabs for vehicles or machinery;
- b computer systems on board a means of transport;
- c computer systems mainly intended for public use;
- d 'portable' systems not in prolonged use at a workstation;
- e calculators, cash registers and any equipment having a small data or measurement display required for direct use of the equipment;
- f typewriters of traditional design, of the type known as 'typewriter with window'.

Article 2

Definitions

For the purpose of this Directive, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) *display screen equipment*: an alphanumeric or graphic display screen, regardless of the display process employed;
- (b) *workstation*: an assembly comprising display screen equipment, which may be provided with a keyboard or input device and/or software determining the operator/machine interface, optional accessories, peripherals including the diskette drive, telephone, modem, printer, document holder, work chair and work desk or work surface, and the immediate work environment;
- (c) *worker*: any worker as defined in Article 3 (a) of Directive 89/391/EEC who habitually uses display screen equipment as a significant part of his normal work.