

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ORDER OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

Workers Compensation Act

The Workers' Compensation Board orders that, effective March 31, 2025, the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, B.C. Reg. 296/97, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix.

DEPOSITED

December 10, 2024

B.C. REG. 283/2024

December 4, 2024

Date



Chair, Board of Directors

(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)

Authority under which Order is made:

Act and section: Workers Compensation Act, R.S.B.C. 2019, c. 1, ss. 110 and 117

Other: _____

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APPENDIX

1 *Section 16.2 (2) of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, B.C. Reg. 296/97, is amended by striking out “except section 16.21, which prevails” and substituting “except sections 16.21 and 16.21.1, which prevail”.*

2 *Section 16.21 is amended*

(a) by striking out “A ROPS-equipped prime mover must have” and substituting “Unless section 16.21.1 applies, a ROPS-equipped prime mover must have”, and

(b) by repealing paragraph (a) and substituting the following:

(a) Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Standard J386 APR2022, Occupant Restraint System for Off-Road Work Machines; .

3 *The following section is added:*

When minimum 3-point seat belts required

16.21.1 (1) In this section, “**haul truck**” means a haul truck designed for off-highway use, including a rigid dump truck, articulated dump truck or rock truck.

(2) This section applies to the following ROPS-equipped prime movers manufactured on or after March 31, 2027, other than a worker transportation vehicle as defined in section 17.01:

(a) a haul truck;

(b) a prime mover, other than a road grader, that is used in or that is designed or adapted for use in a forestry operation as defined in section 26.1;

(c) a prime mover that is used for an activity related to fighting forest fires, including fire prevention, fire suppression, deactivating roads and fire guards and site rehabilitation;

(d) a prime mover that is used for land clearing on a slope which exceeds 35%.

(3) The seat of a ROPS-equipped prime mover to which this section applies, other than the seat occupied by a person authorized to ride for a purpose set out in section 16.8 (3), must have, at minimum, 3-point seat belts that meet the requirements of one of the following standards or the earlier version of the standard that applied on the date of manufacture of the prime mover:

(a) *SAE J2292 (2016), Combination Pelvic and Upper Torso Operator and Occupant Restraint Systems for Off-Road Work Machines;*

(b) *Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations (UN/ECE) ECE Regulation No. 16, Safety-belts.*