

Screening: Explanatory Meeting Occupational Safety & Health

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Directive 92/91/EEC - minimum health and safety requirements for improving the safety and health protection of workers in the mineral-extracting industry through drilling (Eleventh Individual Directive) (I)

1. Objective

To improve health and safety conditions in this sector presenting a higher than average risk



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2. Key provisions

- Scope: mineral-extracting industries (offshore and onshore) practising
 - extraction through drilling
 - and prospection with a view to such extraction
 - preparation of the extracted material for sale.
- Excluded: processing of extracted material
- "Workplace": workstations relating to immediate and ancillary activities and includes accommodation accessible to workers

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2. Key provisions (cont'd)

- Structure of the Annex (minimum requirements)
 - Common requirements (Part A)
 - Special requirements on-shore sector (Part B)
 - Special requirements off-shore sector (Part C)



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2. Key provisions (cont'd)

- Particularities
 - drawing up and keeping up to date of a "safety and health document" (relating to risk assessment, safe design of workplace, implemented adequate measures, etc.)
 - coordination where workers from several undertakings are present
 - Health check before taking up of duties and regular re-examination
 - Presence of a skilled person in charge at all times
 - sufficient number of competent workers
 - existing work permit for hazardous and straightforward activities
 - Protection from harmful atmospheres, prevention of explosion
 - immediate reporting of serious and fatal accidents





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3. Implementation

- Determine competent authority for reporting of serious accidents
- Determine skills and competence of person in charge
- Establish work permit system





Directive 92/104/EEC - minimum requirements for improving the safety and health of workers in the surface and underground extractive industries (Twelfth Individual Directive) (I)

1. Objective

- Extends the protection of workers in the extractive industries to surface and underground mines and quarries
- Dredging can be exempted from the implementation by the Member States





Directive 92/104/EEC - minimum requirements for improving the safety and health of workers in the surface and underground extractive industries (Twelfth Individual Directive) (II)

2. Key provisions

- Same structure as Directive 92/91
- Annexes contain specific minimum requirements (Part A: Common – Part B: surface industries – Part C: underground mineral extracting industries).

