

## **OHSA: DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE FOR CONVEYOR SYSTEMS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Hi there

The Chief Inspector of the Department of Labour in terms of section 27(1) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993, intends to incorporate the Code of Practice for Conveyor Systems into the Driven Machinery Regulations of 2015. Interested parties are invited to submit their written comments on the Draft Code of Practice for Conveyor Systems to the Director General office within 60 days from the date of publication of the Notice in the Government Gazette.

### **More information:**

The purpose of this Code of Practice is to serve as a minimum specification for the design and safe operating conditions and the fulfilment of safety requirements for conveyors systems. The intent is to cover all installations of the related materials handling, either where the installations are nature permanent or are only temporary, or where installations for permanent use are arranged for portable operation.

The Code of Practice (COP) provides practical guidance on how to manage the health and safety risks of plants in the workplace, from conveyor installation, commissioning, and use through to decommissioning and dismantling. It will provide the minimum safety requirements for the design, installation, and guarding of conveyors and conveyor systems. It includes requirements for users and provides inspections, maintenance, training, and implementation of safe work practices for conveyor belt installations.

The Code of Practice deals with, inter alia, the following matters:

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Design
- List of Conveyors Covered Under COP
- Safety Around Conveyor systems systems systems
- Stored Energy
- Lighting
- Dust Suppression
- Fire Protection / Detection / Suppression
- Basics of Conveyor Guard Design
  - Guard and Fences
- Guarding Against the Dangers of Pinch / Nip Points
- Nip Points & Guards
  - Anatomy of Nip Points & Guards
- Hazard Locations
- Hazardous nip points may occur at the following locations
- Risk Assessment
- Ergonomics
  - Fixed Conveyors
  - Ergonomics - Work Station Conveyors
- Training
- Maintenance
- Routine Conveyor Maintenance

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We trust that this information will serve to be of some assistance to you and look forward to your positive feedback!

Implex regards,  
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