

00-03: Washington General Health and Safety Standards for Materials Handling and Storage (WAC 296-24 Part D)



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### INFORMATION

The Washington State Department of Labor and Industry (WISHA) has just published a new revision to Chapter 296-24-WAC Part D Materials Handling and Storage, Including Cranes, Derricks etc. and Rigging. Although the entire part D has been reprinted, the predominant change was to include the new Powered Industrial Truck Training requirements as promulgated earlier by Federal OSHA in 29 CFR 1910.178(l).

The reprint is easy to read and contains a number of common sense requirements for equipment operation, inspection and testing. Although these rules are in the General Safety Section, they apply to marine cargo handling operations.

WISHA's new rules were adopted on 12-21-1999 and are effective 03-01-2000. Recent phone conversations with WISHA note that they are monitoring the NMSA-OSHA legal challenge and negotiations on the Federal Powered Industrial Truck Regulations. WISHA will not be applying their regulations immediately to the Marine Cargo Handling Industry until the outcome of the Federal Settlement is known.

PMA will continue to keep WISHA apprised of the status of the negotiated PIT settlement.

### ACTION

Employers should take note of the new regulations and the reprint of other sections to Part B. This is a good reference section to keep handy in the workplace. The new regulations can be found on the WISHA website at:

[www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/regs.wacindex.htm](http://www.lni.wa.gov/wisha/regs.wacindex.htm)

Once there, click on Chapter 296-24 and then scroll down to Part D.

WISHA has also printed hard copies which may be obtained through:

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