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## OSHA Standards Improvement Project--Phase III; Final Rule

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*OSHA has updated its standards regulating slings for general industry* (§1910.184) and construction (§1926.251) **This final rule becomes effective on July 8, 2011**

In summary, the new changes include:

- Removing all the load capacity tables for slings that were in the previous OSHA standards
- Sling Markings - Employers now must use only slings with permanently affixed identification markings that show the maximum load capacity for each sling.
- Shackle Markings - The final rule also provides similar protection for shackles, requiring them to also show rated capacity.

In the past, some companies did not require the wire rope slings being used at their sites to be marked with a tag and/or rated capacity. And based on the original OSHA 1910 regulations, it wasn't required. **Now, with this change, ALL wire rope slings must be marked - no exceptions!**

*The load capacity tables previously designated in these OSHA standards, were based on the 1971 ASME/ANSI B30.9 standard, are now obsolete and no longer conform to the load capacity tables of the updated B30.9 industry standards. The outdated tables are being replaced with a requirement that prohibits employers from loading slings in excess of the recommended safe working load as shown on the permanently affixed identification markings.*

**Basically - this revision prohibits the use of any sling that does not have a permanently affixed identification tag.**

Full details can be found in this document:

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You can download this new change to the standard at this URL:

[http://www.osha.gov/FedReg\\_oshapdf/FED20110608.pdf](http://www.osha.gov/FedReg_oshapdf/FED20110608.pdf)

(look on page 33591, left column, 2nd paragraph for the changes to slings)