

Part	OHS Code	Intent	P	C	Risk	Guideline Statement
Part 3 Specifications and Certifications	12 An employer must ensure that (a) equipment is of sufficient size, strength and design and made of suitable materials to withstand the stresses imposed on it during its operation and to perform the function for which it is intended or was designed,	Farm equipment is used to carry out some heavy and strenuous tasks and must be built to meet the demands and stresses of those tasks. Improper use of equipment for tasks that the equipment was not intended, could create additional hazards resulting in injury or death	M	M	M	To ensure safe operation of farm and ranch equipment, it must be designed and built for the intended use. Do not use equipment for tasks outside the specifications and certifications for which it was built, and where a safety hazard is identified for that use (for example, overloading beyond allowable weights)
	<i>request regular updating of legislation</i>	Legislation should be updated regularly to reflect new technologies used throughout agriculture.	L	L	L	Legislation should reflect the latest technology used in agriculture.
	<i>No recommendations were provided for this Decision Point:</i> 12(b)- Rated capacity or other limitation on the operation of the equipment is not exceeded. 12(c)- Modifications to equipment that may affect structural integrity or stability to comply with the manufacturer's specifications or certified by a professional engineer. 12(d)- Equipment and supplies are erected, operated, maintained and dismantled in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications or specifications certified by a professional engineer. 13- An employer may comply with specifications	Farmers and ranchers use a variety of types of different equipment to complete many unique and challenging tasks on the farm and ranch. Some of these types of equipment require innovative modifications or adjustments designed by the farmer or rancher to optimize the productivity regarding a specific task within a safe and healthy work environment.	L	L	L	Farmers and ranchers regularly pursue innovative ways to use and modify equipment to improve productivity on the farm and ranch. Customized innovations must always consider the health and safety of the equipment operator. If the employer suspects that modifications could present a safety hazard, they should consult a competent person who would conduct a risk assessment of the modification.

	<p>certified by a professional engineer instead of manufacturer's specifications.</p> <p>14- Procedures or specifications certified by a professional engineer must be in writing and stamped/signed.</p> <p>15- Equipment required to be approved by a named organization must ensure the seal/stamp/logo/etc. of that organization is on the equipment and legible.</p>					
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