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On January 14, 1994, LMPS (Lift Manufacturers Product Section of the Material Handling Industry) published the first ANSI standard specifically for industrial scissors lifts which is MH29.1 - "Safety Requirements for Industrial Scissors Lifts." The fourth edition was approved by ANSI on February 23, 2012. This is the only standard applicable for industrial scissors lifts. This nationally recognized design standard is a complete and comprehensive safety regulation covering all aspects of lift design, manufacture, performance and use. ANSI MH29.1 ensures minimum standards of safety for the protection of owners, users, operators and maintenance personnel.

OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) standards and regulations are listed in a series of publications called CFR (Code of Federal Regulations). The CFR does not call out any requirements specifically for industrial scissors lifts. Further OSHA does not approve, recommend, certify or test any product or equipment for the purpose of evaluating its performance or compliance. Where specific reference is not made, like industrial scissors lifts, OSHA refers to codes, regulations or standards published by various groups, i.e. ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) ANSI (American National Standards Institute) NFPA (National Fire Prevention Association) etc.

Additionally, the ICC (International Code Council) voted at the Final Action Hearings in Portland, OR in October 2012 to approve the inclusion of ANSI standard MH29.1 into the IBC (International Building Code). MH29.1 adoption into Chapter 30, Section 3001.2 appears in the 2015 version of the IBC. The IBC has been adapted for use in all (50) fifty states.

Lastly, ANSI MH29.1 eliminates conflicts of interruption with other codes or standards and also eliminates possible confusion for any governing bodies whether their jurisdiction is federal, state or local.

Respectfully,

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