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 NAME OF AGENCY  
 Department of Labor
 

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**Concerning**

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 SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION  
 Occupational Safety and Health Standards Revisions (Acetylene)
 

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REGULATIONS OF CONNECTICUT STATE AGENCIES  
 TITLE 31. LABOR  
 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
 OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS

Section One. Sec. 31-372-101-1910 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is amended by adding the following:

**Section 31-372-101-1910. Safety and health standards for general industry**

<u>Standard Affected</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Fed. Reg. Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
1910.6	Incorporation by reference	3/8/12	Amended
Subpart H	Authority	3/8/12	Amended
1910.102	Acetylene	3/8/12	Amended

10/10/12

## **Statement of Purpose**

*Pursuant to CGS Section 4-170(b)(3), "Each proposed regulation shall have a statement of its purpose following the final section of the regulation." Enter the statement here.*

The adoption by reference of these revisions to the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Standards will serve to update Connecticut Occupational Safety and Health Standards in accordance with Section 31-372 of the Connecticut General Statutes. On March 8, 2012 the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration published notification of its adoption by Direct Final Rule of revisions to the Acetylene standard, which were effective in private sector general industry employment on March 5, 2012.

Conn. Gen. Stat. 31-372 requires, as an element of Connecticut's approved Public Sector-Only State Plan, that the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Division (CONN-OSHA) adopt all occupational health and safety standards, amendments or changes adopted or recognized by the United States Secretary of Labor under the authority of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

These revisions modify the Acetylene Standard by making the requirements of OSHA's Acetylene Standard consistent with current industry practices, thereby eliminating confusion and clarifying employer obligations, which will increase employee safety by encouraging compliance. Furthermore, bringing the Acetylene Standard in line with industry practice will not produce additional costs for employers, and may reduce compliance costs. Finally, the revision is non-controversial because it merely updates the SDO standard referenced in the rule to the most current version of that standard.

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The link to the Federal Register Publication of the Acetylene Standard Revisions can be found here:

[http://www.osha.gov/FedReg\\_oshapdf/FED20120308A.pdf](http://www.osha.gov/FedReg_oshapdf/FED20120308A.pdf)

[http://www.osha.gov/FedReg\\_oshapdf/FED20111205.pdf](http://www.osha.gov/FedReg_oshapdf/FED20111205.pdf)

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### CERTIFICATION

This certification statement must be completed in full, including items 3 and 4, if they are applicable.

- 1) I hereby certify that the above (check one)  Regulations  Emergency Regulations
- 2) are (check all that apply)  adopted  amended  repealed by this agency pursuant to the following authority(ies): (complete all that apply)

a. Connecticut General Statutes section(s) 31-372.

b. Public Act Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Provide public act number(s) if the act has not yet been codified in the Connecticut General Statutes.)

- 3) And I further certify that notice of intent to adopt, amend or repeal said regulations was published in the **Connecticut Law Journal** on 10/2/12;  
(Insert date of notice publication if publication was required by CGS Section 4-168.)

- 4) And that a public hearing regarding the proposed regulations was held on 11/1/12;  
(Insert date(s) of public hearing(s) held pursuant to CGS Section 4-168(a)(7), if any, or pursuant to other applicable statute.)

- 5) And that said regulations are **EFFECTIVE** (check one, and complete as applicable)

When filed with the Secretary of the State

OR  ON (insert date) \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 11/2/12	SIGNED (Head of Board, Agency or Commission) <i>Thomas M. Delmonico</i>	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED Commissioner
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APPROVED by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with CGS Section 4-169, as amended		
DATE 11/20/12	SIGNED (Attorney General or AG's designated representative) <i>Joseph Rubin</i>	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY GENERAL

Proposed regulations are **DEEMED APPROVED** by the Attorney General in accordance with CGS Section 4-169, as amended, if the attorney General fails to give notice to the agency of any legal insufficiency within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the proposed regulation.  
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- Approved  Rejected without prejudice
- Approved with technical corrections  Disapproved in part, (Indicate Section Numbers disapproved only)
- Deemed approved pursuant to CGS Section 4-170(c)

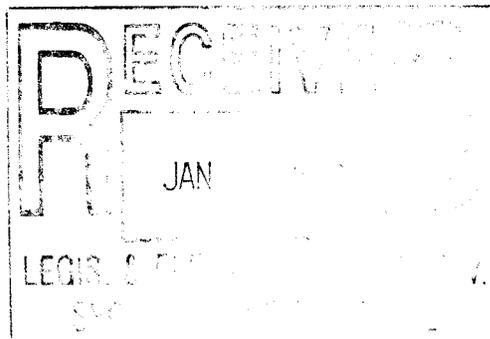
By the Legislative Regulation Review Committee in accordance with CGS Section 4-170, as amended	DATE 1/22/2013	SIGNED (Administrator, Legislative Regulation Review Committee) <i>Pamela B. Berry Administrator</i>
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Two certified copies received and filed and one such copy forwarded to the Commission on Official Legal Publications in accordance with CGS Section 4-172, as amended.

DATE 1-31-2013	SIGNED (Secretary of the State) <i>David M. Malachuk</i>	BY <i>[Signature]</i>
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**Occupational Safety and Health Standards Revisions  
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Approved by the Attorney General  
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