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Department of Workplace Standards
Division of Occupational Safety and Health Compliance
Division of Occupational Safety and Health Education and Training
(Amendment)

803 KAR 2:308. Personal protective equipment.

RELATES TO: 29 C.F.R. 1910.132-1910.140

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 338.051(3), 338.061

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 338.051(3) requires the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to promulgate ~~[adopt]~~ occupational safety and health ~~[administrative]~~ regulations and authorizes the chairman to reference ~~[of the board to promulgate established]~~ federal standards without ~~[board]~~ approval if necessary to meet federal time requirements. KRS 338.061 authorizes the board to establish, modify, or repeal standards and reference federal standards. ~~[29 C.F.R. 1910.132 to 1910.140 and Appendices establish the federal requirements relating to personal protective equipment.]~~ This administrative regulation establishes ~~[personal protective equipment]~~ standards that are ~~[to be]~~ enforced by the Department of Workplace Standards in general industry.

Section 1. Definitions. (1) "C.F.R." means Code of Federal Regulations.

(2) "Employee" is defined by KRS 338.015(2).

(3) "Employer" is defined by KRS 338.015(1).[

~~(4) "Established federal standard" is defined by KRS 338.015(10).]~~

~~(4) [(5)]~~ "National consensus standard" is defined by KRS 338.015(9).

~~(5) [(6)]~~ "Standard" is defined by KRS 338.015(3).[

~~(7) "U.S. Department of Labor" means Kentucky Labor Cabinet or U.S. Department of Labor.]~~

Section 2. Except as established ~~[modified]~~ by the definitions in Section 1 of this administrative regulation, general industry shall comply with 29 C.F.R. 1910 Subpart I, Personal Protective Equipment ~~[the following federal regulations]~~ published by the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration and the revisions to 29 C.F.R. 1910.134 Appendix A published in the September 26, 2019 Federal Register, Volume 84, Number 187[:

~~(1) 29 C.F.R. 1910.132 through 29 C.F.R. 1910.140, and Appendices, revised July 1, 2016; and~~

~~(2) The amendments to 29 C.F.R. 1910.140 as published in the November 18, 2016 Federal Register Volume 81, Number 223].~~

LARRY ROBERTS, Secretary

APPROVED BY AGENCY: April 26, 2021

FILED WITH LRC: April 27, 2021 at 9:39 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held on July 21, 2021 at 10:00 am (ET). The meeting will be conducted by live videoconference (ZOOM) pursuant to Senate Bill 150, Section 1, subparagraph (8) b (2020) and the continuing state of emergency. Public access to the meeting will be available at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86731399141?pwd=Q2VOcDQ3ZkVBaUtoNERCMDNlKzZJZz09>,

password 446261; or by telephone at (713) 353-0212, (888) 822-7517 toll free, conference code 194378. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing five (5) working days prior to the hearing of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to attend the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through July 31, 2021. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

Contact person: Robin Maples

(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: Section 1 of this administrative regulation, effective since December 15, 1989, defines terms not used in the federal standard. Section 2 adopts the requirements of 29 C.F.R. 1910, Subpart I, Personal Protective Equipment the revisions to 29 C.F.R. 1910.134 Appendix A published in the September 26, 2019 Federal Register. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) approved two (2) additional quantitative fit testing protocols for inclusion in Appendix A. These protocols are the modified ambient aerosol condensation nuclei counter (CNC) quantitative fit testing protocol for full-facepiece and half-mask elastomeric respirators; and, the modified ambient aerosol CNC quantitative fit testing protocol for filtering facepiece respirators. The protocols apply to employers in general industry, shipyard employment, and the construction industry. Both protocols are abbreviated variations of the original OSHA-approved ambient aerosol CNC quantitative fit testing protocol (often referred to as the PortaCount protocol), but differ from the test by the exercise sets, exercise duration, and sampling sequence. These protocols serve as alternatives to the four (4) existing quantitative fit testing protocols already listed in Appendix A and maintain safety and health protections for workers while providing additional flexibility and reducing compliance burdens. This amendment also updates this administrative regulation to meet KRS Chapter 13A considerations and was reviewed in accordance with House Bill (HB) 50 2017 from the Regular Session of the 2017 General Assembly. Amendments to this regulation are also technical and intended to maintain consistency with other regulations.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: This administrative regulation was reviewed in accordance with HB 50 from the Regular Session of the 2017 General Assembly. This regulation is necessary to meet the requirements established in Public Law 91-596 84 STAT. 1590 Section 18 (OSH Act of 1970), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(c), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(d), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(a), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(b), and 29 C.F.R. 1956.2(a), which all require Kentucky OSH regulations to be as effective as the federal requirements. OSHA's September 26, 2019 amendment did not impose any additional or more stringent requirements on employers than the existing standard, the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Standards Board was not obligated to adopt this amendment. However, to promote consistency and provide employers and employees with a clear understanding of the requirements, the Kentucky OSH Standards Board adopted the amendment.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: KRS 338.051(3) requires the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to promulgate occupational safety and health (OSH) administrative regulations. This regulation is necessary to meet the requirements established in Public Law 91-596 84 STAT. 1590 Section 18 (OSH Act of 1970), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(c), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(d), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(a), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(b), and 29 C.F.R. 1956.2(a), which all require Kentucky OSH regulations to be as effective as the federal requirements. This regulation complies and conforms with the authorizing statutes.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This administrative regulation promotes worker safety and health throughout Kentucky and ensures the state is as effective as the federal requirement. This regulation is necessary to meet the requirements established in Public Law 91-596 84 STAT. 1590 Section 18 (OSH Act of 1970), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(c), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(d), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(a), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(b), and 29 C.F.R. 1956.2(a), which all require Kentucky OSH regulations to be as effective as the federal requirements. This regulation is equivalent.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: Section 1 of this administrative regulation, effective since December 15, 1989, defines terms not used in the federal standard. Section 2 adopts the requirements of 29 C.F.R. 1910, Subpart I, Personal Protective Equipment the revisions to 29 C.F.R. 1910.134 Appendix A published in the September 26, 2019 Federal Register. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) approved two (2) additional quantitative fit testing protocols for inclusion in Appendix A. These protocols are the modified ambient aerosol condensation nuclei counter (CNC) quantitative fit testing protocol for full-facepiece and half-mask elastomeric respirators; and, the modified ambient aerosol CNC quantitative fit testing protocol for filtering facepiece respirators. The protocols apply to employers in general industry, shipyard employment, and the construction industry. Both protocols are abbreviated variations of the original OSHA-approved ambient aerosol CNC quantitative fit testing protocol (often referred to as the PortaCount protocol), but differ from the test by the exercise sets, exercise duration, and sampling sequence. These protocols serve as alternatives to the four (4) existing quantitative fit testing protocols already listed in Appendix A and maintain safety and health protections for workers while providing additional flexibility and reducing compliance burdens. This amendment also updates this administrative regulation to meet KRS Chapter 13A considerations and was reviewed in accordance with HB 50 2017 from the Regular Session of the 2017 General Assembly. Amendments to this regulation are technical and intended to maintain consistency with other regulations.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: This administrative regulation was reviewed in accordance with HB 50 from the Regular Session of the 2017 General Assembly. This regulation is necessary to meet the requirements established in Public Law 91-596 84 STAT. 1590 Section 18 (OSH Act of 1970), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(c), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(d), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(a), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(b), and 29 C.F.R. 1956.2(a), which all require Kentucky OSH regulations to be as effective as the federal requirements. OSHA's September 26, 2019 amendment did not impose any additional or more stringent requirements on employers than the existing standard, the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Standards Board was not obligated to adopt this amendment. However, to promote consistency and provide employers and employees with a clear understanding of the requirements, the Kentucky OSH Standards Board adopted the amendment.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: KRS

338.051(3) requires the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to promulgate occupational safety and health administrative regulations. This regulation is necessary to meet the requirements established in Public Law 91-596 84 STAT. 1590 Section 18 (OSH Act of 1970), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(c), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(d), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(a), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(b), and 29 C.F.R. 1956.2(a), which all require Kentucky OSH regulations to be as effective as the federal requirements. This regulation complies and conforms with the authorizing statutes.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This amendment maintains consistency with the federal requirements. This amendment promotes employee health and safety throughout Kentucky and keeps the state program consistent with the federal program.

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: This administrative regulation affects all employers in the Commonwealth covered by KRS Chapter 338.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in question (3) will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions that each of the regulated entities identified in question (3) will have to take to comply with this administrative regulation or amendment: No additional compliance duties are imposed and no immediate action is required.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities identified in question (3): There is no additional cost to the OSH Program to implement this administrative regulation.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities identified in question (3): This administrative regulation promotes worker safety and health throughout Kentucky and ensures the state is as effective as the federal requirement.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: There is no cost to the OSH Program to implement this administrative regulation.

(b) On a continuing basis: There is no continuing cost to the OSH Program to implement this administrative regulation.

(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: Current state and federal funding.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new or by the change if it is an amendment: There is neither an increase in fees nor an increase in funding necessary to implement this amendment.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation establishes any fees or directly or indirectly increases any fees: This administrative regulation neither establishes any fees nor directly or indirectly increases any fees.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? Tiering is not applied. All employers covered by KRS Chapter 338 are treated equally.

FEDERAL MANDATE ANALYSIS COMPARISON

1. Federal statute or regulation constituting the federal mandate. Public Law 91-596 84 STAT. 1590 Section 18 (OSH Act of 1970), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(c), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(d), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(a), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(b), 29 C.F.R. 1956.2(a)

2. State compliance standards. The Kentucky OSH Program is mandated to be at least as effective as the federal requirement. Accordingly, in order to maintain the state program as

effective as the federal program, Kentucky must adopt the federal requirement or develop an equivalent standard.

3. Minimum or uniform standards contained in the federal mandate. Public Law 91-596 84 STAT. 1590 Section 18 (OSH Act of 1970), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(c), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(d), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(a), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(b), 29 C.F.R. 1956.2(a)

4. Will this administrative regulation impose stricter requirements, or additional or different responsibilities or requirements, than those required by the federal mandate? No

5. Justification for the imposition of the stricter standard, or additional or different responsibilities or requirements: This amendment does not impose stricter requirements.

FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

1. What units, parts or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation? This administrative regulation affects any unit, part, or division of state or local government covered by KRS Chapter 338.

2. Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 338.051, KRS 338.061, Public Law 91-596 84 STAT. 1590 Section 18 (OSH Act of 1970), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(c), 29 C.F.R. 1902.3(d), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(a), 29 C.F.R. 1953.1(b), 29 C.F.R. 1956.2(a)

3. Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect. None.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year? None.

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years? None.

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year? There are no costs associated with this amendment.

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years? There are no costs associated with this amendment.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-): Unknown.

Expenditures (+/-): Unknown.

Other explanation: This amendment does not impose any additional requirements or expenditures.