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05/18/1978 - Only alloy steel chain is recommended by chain manufacturers for overhead hoisting.[Standard Interpretations - Table of Contents](#)• **Standard Number:** 1910.184

MAY 18, 1978

Mr. Merle E. Broich
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Owatonna Tool Company
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Dear Mr. Broich:

This is in response to your letter dated April 24, 1978, regarding interpretations of standards for chain slings in 29 CFR 1910.184.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration General Industry Standards specifically address alloy steel chain slings used in the movement of material by hoisting machinery. The use of other than alloy steel chain is not prohibited specifically in 29 CFR 1910.184, but only alloy steel chain is recommended by chain manufacturers for overhead hoisting. A copy of the American Society for testing and materials A 391-65 (Reapproved 1970) standard specification for alloy steel chain has been enclosed to properly describe alloy steel chain.

I hope this information will be helpful to you. If I may be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

John K. Barto, Chief
Division of Occupational
Safety Programming

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05/12/1983 - Evaluation of variance application requesting the use of proof coil and high test chain slings under certain procedures.[← Standard Interpretations - Table of Contents](#)**• Standard Number:** 1910.184(e)

May 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES J. CONCANNON
Director
Office of Variance Determination

THRU: DONALD A. SHAY
Director
Office of Compliance Programming

FROM: JOHN K. BARTO
Chief
Division of Occupational Safety Programming

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Variance Application #1686, which Contains Eastern Airlines Request to Allow the Continued Use of the Proof Coil and High Test Chain Slings Under Certain Procedures

The use of other than alloy steel chain is not prohibited specifically in 29 CFR 1910.184, but only alloy steel chain is recommended by chain manufacturers for overhead hoisting. Proof coil and high test chain is used for purposes where failure of the chain would not endanger human life or result in serious damage to property or equipment. **Proof coil and high test chains should only be used in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.**

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