



## G01. What documentation should I expect to receive/send with cut lengths of wire rope?

General purpose wire rope, with one of those purposes intended for lifting, is within the scope of the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008 (SOMR) and Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC. Therefore, the bulk supply or reel should be issued with the appropriate Declaration of Conformity documents and marking and a manufacturer's certificate, as defined in the EN 12385 series of standards. Instructions for use are also required and will simply contain information as to the intended use, the limits of use and instructions for handling, cutting, storing, assembly, use and maintenance.

The distributor or user does not become a manufacturer in the sense of the supply legislation by cutting individual lengths for incorporation into lifting machinery or lifting accessories. Therefore, the obligations set out above do not apply again to lengths of wire cut from products already placed on the market by the wire rope manufacturer. Such lengths are to be considered as components of the lifting machinery or the lifting accessories into which they are incorporated.

However, distributors of wire ropes must ensure that the relevant declaration of conformity, the reference of the certificate setting out the characteristics of the wire rope and the manufacturer's instructions, are supplied with the cut length of wire rope to the manufacturers of lifting machinery or lifting accessories or to users.

The above is also true of cut lengths of other lifting media, such as chain or webbing.

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