

Council Directive 92/58/EEC of 24 June 1992 on the minimum requirements for the provision of safety and /or health signs at work (ninth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16 (1) of Directive 89/391/EEC)

ANNEX IX

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR HAND SIGNALS

1. **Features**

Hand signals must be precise, simple, expansive, easy to make and to understand, and clearly distinct from other such signals.

Where both arms are used at the same time, they must be moved symmetrically and for giving one sign only.

Provided that they fulfil the conditions given above, the signals used may vary slightly from or be more detailed than those shown in section 3; they must, however, be equally meaningful and comprehensible.

2. **Specific rules governing use**

- 2.1. The person giving the signs, hereinafter referred to as the 'signalman', will use arm/hand movements to give manoeuvring instructions to the person receiving the signs, hereinafter referred to as the (operator).
- 2.2. The signalman must be able to monitor all manoeuvres visually without being endangered thereby.
- 2.3. The signalman's duties must consist exclusively of directing manoeuvres and ensuring the safety of workers in the vicinity.
- 2.4. If the conditions described in point 2.2 are not fulfilled, one or more extra signalmen should be deployed.
- 2.5. The operator must interrupt the ongoing manoeuvre in order to request new instructions when he is unable to carry out the orders he has received with the necessary safety guarantees.

2.6. **Accessories:**

The operator must be able to recognize the signalman without difficulty.

The signalman is to wear one or more appropriate distinctive items, e.g. a jacket, helmet, sleeves or armbandds, or carry bats.

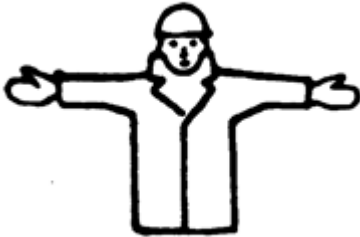



The distinctive items are to be brightly coloured, preferably all of the same colour and for the exclusive use of signalmen.

3. **Coded signals to be used**





Preliminary remark:

The following set of coded signals are without prejudice to other codes applicable at Community level, used for the same manoeuvres in certain sectors:




Meaning	Description	Illustration
A. General signals		

START Attention Start of command	both arms are extended horizontally with the palms facing forward	
STOP Interruption End of movement	the right arm points upwards with the palm facing forwards	
END of the operation	both hands are clasped at chest height	
B. Vertical movements		
RAISE	the right arm points upwards with the palm facing forward and slowly makes a circle	

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<p>C. Horizontal Movements</p>		
<p>MOVE FORWARDS</p>	<p>both arms are bent with the palms facing upwards, and the forearms make slow movements towards the body</p>	
<p>MOVE BACKWARDS</p>	<p>both arms are bent with the palms facing downwards, and the forearms make slow movements away from the body</p>	
<p>RIGHT to the signalman's</p>	<p>the right arm is extended more or less horizontally with the palm facing downwards and slowly makes small movements to the right</p>	

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally adopted).

LEFT to the signalman's	the left arm is extended more or less horizontally with the palm facing downwards and slowly makes small movements to the left	
HORIZONTAL DISTANCE	the hands indicate the relevant distance	
D. Danger		
DANGER Emergency stop	both arms point upwards with the palms facing forwards	
QUICK	all movements faster	
SLOW	all movements slower	