

Ask The Expert: Do Older Racking Systems Require Pre Start Safety Review?



QUESTION

I know that in Ontario, there must be a pre start safety review (PSR) signed by an engineer for new racking systems. Do older racking systems also require a PSR, or are they grandfathered'

ANSWER

The current rule (Sec. 7(7) of the Ontario Industrial Establishments Regulation) is that a PSR isn't required if a 'rack or stacking structure is designed and tested for use in accordance with current applicable standards.' However, a PSR would be required if such equipment is modified. There are no references to how old the system is or grandfathered dates. And while your question implies that the rules are changing, I haven't seen anything about an upcoming change, even though I track the Ministry of Labour and Ontario Gazette diligently.