



Reply to the attention of:

APR 30 2015

Mr. Carl Malamud
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 247616 for copy of American National Standards Institute's B175.1 -1991, *Safety Requirements for Gasoline-Powered Chain Saws*

Dear Mr. Malamud:

This is in response to your April 1, 2015, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, sent to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and forwarded to the Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management (DTSEM) for reply. You have requested a copy of the American National Standards Institute's (ANSI) standard B175.1 – 1991, titled *Safety Requirements for Gasoline-Powered Chain Saws*.

We are denying your request under *Exemption 4* of FOIA, which protects, “trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person privileged or confidential.” Where OSHA has in its possession documents that are provided by the private sector, the Agency is obligated to determine if the release of those documents under FOIA would lead to financial damage to the source. We have, as required by Executive Order 12600, contacted a company which markets the ANSI standard you requested and they have indicated that they do foresee a potential harm to their business. OSHA finds that their objections have merit; therefore, is denying your FOIA request under *Exemption 4 of FOIA*.

One can obtain a copy of ANSI B175.1 – 1991 through the “IHS Standards Store’s” website (<http://global.ihs.com>). Because it is an older standard, it is not listed in the their online database and it is necessary to directly contact a salesperson. This can be done either by phone, (800) 854-7179, or e-mail, global@ihs.com.

You have the right to appeal this decision with the Solicitor of Labor within 90 days from the date of this letter. The appeal must state, in writing, the grounds for the appeal, including any supporting statements or arguments. The appeal should also include a copy of your initial request and a copy of this letter.

If you appeal, you may mail your appeal to: Solicitor of Labor, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2420, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210 or fax your appeal to (202) 693-5538. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to foiaappeal@dol.gov; appeals submitted to any other email address will not be accepted. The envelope (if mailed), subject line (if emailed), or fax cover sheet (if faxed), *and* the letter indicating the grounds for appeal, should be clearly marked: "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Thank you for your interest in occupational safety and health.

Sincerely,



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Director
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