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FACTORIES AND MACHINERY (BUILDING OPERATIONS AND WORKS OF ENGINEERING
CONSTRUCTION) (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1986
PART X - SCAFFOLDS

Regulation 87. Boards and planks in working platforms.

- (1) Every board or plank forming part of a working platform or used as a toe-board shall be-
- (a) of a thickness capable of affording adequate security having regard to the distance between the putlogs or standards; and
 - (b) not less than 200 millimetres wide or in the case of boards or planks exceeding 50 millimetres in thickness, not less than 150 millimetres wide.
- (2) No board or plank which forms part of a working platform shall project beyond its end support to a distance exceeding four times the thickness of the board or plank unless it is effectively secured to prevent tipping, or to a distance which, having regard to the thickness and strength of the plank, renders the projecting part of the plank and unsafe support for any weight liable to be upon it.
- (3) Suitable measures such as the provision of adequate bevelled pieces shall be taken to reduce to a minimum the risk of tipping and to facilitate the movement of barrows where boards or planks which form part of a working platform overlap each other or are not of reasonably uniform thickness where they meet each other or owing to warping or for some other reason do not provide an even surface.
- (4) Every board or plank which forms part of a working platform shall-
- (a) rest securely and evenly on its supports; and
 - (b) rest on at least three supports, unless, taking into account the distance between the supports and the thickness of the board or plank, the conditions are such as to prevent undue sagging more supports are required.
- (5) Where work has to be done at the end of a wall, the working platform at such wall shall, wherever practicable, extend at least 610 millimetres beyond the end of the wall.