



MELBOURNE MARKET AUTHORITY

MARKET CIRCULAR NO: 506

DATE: 24 November 2008

TO: All Market Users

Information for distribution to the Market Community at the request of WorkSafe Victoria

WorkSafe has issued the following Entry Report, and has requested the Melbourne Market Authority to pass this onto all forklift owners:

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It has been drawn to my attention that some forklift owners may want to modify forklifts operating within the Melbourne Markets without the consent or approval of the forklift manufacturer such as ‘boom boxes’ within the roll cage.

Clause 6.7 of the Australian Standard, AS 2359.2 1985, Industrial Trucks – Operations, state that industrial trucks are not be modified in any way which will affect the operation and performance of the industrial truck, except without the prior approval of the manufacturer and the relevant authority.

I believe that anything that impinges on the space allocated to a driver, has the potential to magnify injury should an incident occur.

I would like to stress the importance of the wearing of seat belts when forklifts are being moved and that lights are used at all times within the market.

Inspectors proposed follow up action: Market visits from time to time”