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This manual contains information designed to assist welding supply distributors in complying with federal regulations that affect their businesses. This manual does not constitute legal advice, however; users are advised to obtain competent legal counsel in developing their own regulatory compliance programs.

In addition, the regulations referenced herein are subject to change from time to time. The National Welding Supply Association does not guarantee the accuracy of the regulatory language in this manual. NWSA will provide updates to this manual as appropriate.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The OSHA Section of the NWSA Compliance Manual has been prepared to assist distributors with developing a safety program or with enhancing their existing safety program.

The material following includes a Check List to allow you to perform a Safety Inventory. The check list can be found behind TAB 8.

The NWSA Safety Committee suggests a careful reading of the Introduction, The Law, Key Safety Operations, and What to Do sections.

The Safety Committee strongly recommends one staff person be selected to act as facility safety officer. This person should be given the opportunity to attend at least one week of training. Training is addressed behind TAB 6 and some excellent training opportunities may be found behind TAB 21. Additionally, the person selected for safety officer should be given sufficient time to implement and continue a safety program.

In another section of this NWSA Compliance Manual, you will find an NWSA Risk Control Program, essentially a self-inspection checklist. You are urged to use this check list as a part of your safety program.

The Compliance Manual will be updated from time to time as may be necessary.

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