# Rules for Occupational Safety and Health on Construction Sites

# Subject, Origin, Structure, Application and Coming into Effect of RABs

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The RAB rules are published by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour in the Federal Journal (Bundesarbeitsblatt BArbBl.).

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## 1 Subject

The Rules for Occupational Safety and Health on Construction Sites put into concrete form government occupational safety and health regulations to ensure safe and healthy working conditions on construction sites.

If these rules are adhered to, the safety and health of those employed on construction sites will be improved; they will help also prevent accidents and work-related health hazards and help ensure the smooth progress of construction work.

# 2 Origin

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### 3 Structure

The regulations governing occupational safety and health on construction sites are structured as follows:

01 - 09 General
10 - 19 Definitions
20 - 29 Rules Governing Application of the Occupational Safety and Health Act on Construction Sites
30 - 39 Rules relating to the Construction Sites Ordinance

## 4 Application

RAB compiles knowledge as to how the requirements set in the Occupational Safety and Health Act and the Ordinances based on it, especially the Ordinance on Safety and Health on Construction Sites, can be fulfilled.

# 5. Coming into Effect

For construction projects which were already in execution before publication in the Federal Journal (Bundesarbeitsblatt) of an RAB adopted by the ASGB, the RABs in existence at the time the construction project was commenced shall apply.