

Proposal

Concerning couplings according to ISO 6489-3:2004 (Tractor drawbar) and ISO 21244:2008 (Implement hitch rings and attachment to tractor drawbars) it is proposed not to define an own class for this devices and to consider these devices under class s instead (Coupling devices and components which do not conform to any of the other classes).

Justification: Tractor drawbars and their hitch rings are mainly used to connect tractors with towed machines. These devices are not suitable for coupling large trailers for agricultural goods transportation. Therefore the importance of these devices does not justify the definition of an own class of coupling devices.

4.10 Manually height-adjustable coupling devices shall be designed and equipped in such a way that the actuating force does not exceed 40 daN.

Justification: The background of this proposal is ergonomic considerations. The limitation of the actuating force shall avoid an overstressing of operators. According to the ergonomic state of the art, 40 daN can be accepted under the given framework conditions when adjusting coupling devices in height (i. e. number of actuations per day, posture during actuation, ergonomic conditions etc.).