Manual Handling Checklist

	Y	N	Immediate Action Taken to Make Safe	Further Action Required to Make Safe
Does the task involve:				
Holding the load away from your body				
Stooping				
Repetitive handling				
Insufficient rest periods				
Twisting				
Reaching above shoulder height				
Lifting from ground level				
Strenuous pushing				
Strenuous pulling				
Team lifts				
A work rate imposed by production needs				
Is the load:				
Heavy				
Bulky or unwieldy				
Likely to move in an unpredictable way				
Difficult to grasp firmly				
Slippery				
Hot / cold				
Exposing handlers to sharps (edges, staple etc)				

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Does the handler:				
Have any medical conditions that might limit his/her ability to lift without risk to their health (including pregnancy)				
Have any strength limitations that might preclude them from being able to complete this task safely				
Need manual handling training				
Have any manual handling limitations due to their PPE, clothing or footwear				
Does the environment hinder handling				
through: Insufficient space to be able to raise, lower and carry using an appropriate posture and without interfering with other workers or equipment				
Inappropriate floor surfaces in poor condition or with slip and trip hazards				
Inappropriate stairs or other means of changing levels				
Excessively hot, cold or humid conditions				
Poor lighting				
Strong air movements				
Are there any other factors that might impact on the manual handling task				

Where the answer to any of the above questions is YES action must be taken to mitigate the risks. Where immediate action cannot be taken to make the task safe it should be stopped until further measures can be taken. Where there is significant risk the task should be subject to a thorough risk assessment.

Assessors Name:

Date of Assessment:

Planned Review Date:

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