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- **ROPS/FOPS for hydraulic excavators**

The EWG has been working on a draft position paper titled “Operators Protective Structures for Earthmoving Machinery” as a general overview of OPS. However, due to the expected release of the Federal Government’s draft OH & S legislation in November, further work on this project has been halted. We expect the draft legislation will give us some insight into the extent to which the international standard ISO 12117.2:2008 will be made mandatory.

There has not been any further feedback from the Office of the Federal safety Commissioner (FSC) on the application of the above standard.

Attention of members is also directed to the government’s website: www.recalls.gov.au , which give details of information required to be advised to government in the event of a product recall. While this action is voluntary for most of our equipment, it is recommended that companies advise government of any product recall actions taken