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Dear Mr. ***:

Thank you for your February 10 letter requesting an opinion about the application of H.O. Order No. 12 to the operation of a small offset printing press. It is our understanding that this offset printing press is a type of cylinder press and that paper is fed into the machine automatically.

H.O. #12 identifies certain occupations involved in the operation of powerdriven paper-products machines as particularly hazardous for 16 and 17yearold persons. Order No. 12 prohibits 16- and 17yearold persons from setting up, adjusting, repairing, oiling, cleaning, or feeding a platen printing press. However, it does not prohibit the operation of a cylinder press. Cylinder presses are considered much less hazardous because, unlike platen presses, feeding does not take place at the pointofoperation.

Therefore, H.O. No. #12 does not prohibit the employment of 16- and 17yearold persons in the operation of a small offset printing press.

Sincerely,

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