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Top-Handled Chainsaws are not for Distribution to Consumers

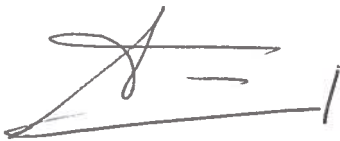
EGMF, the European Garden Machinery industry Federation, wishes to remind all economic actors involved in the distribution of top-handled chainsaws (chainsaws for tree service), regardless of the distribution channel concerned:

Top-handled chainsaws are only meant to be used off the ground, by qualified professionals, and are not meant for use by non-qualified consumers.

Top-handled chainsaws (chainsaws for tree service - rear handle and operating controls on top of the saw) are a form of chainsaw which can only be used under restricted conditions. They are only suitable for working at height by trained competent professionals. They are not designed for use on the ground or as a substitute for small, rear-handled chainsaws.

EN ISO 11681-2 (2011), 5.1.3 states: “[...] *the saw is only to be used by a trained operator using a carefully designed, safe work system, and [...] the chainsaw is only intended for tree service under these defined conditions.*”

EGMF formally asks all distribution channel operators not to supply these chainsaws to non-qualified consumers as they may present a serious risk to their safety.



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About:

European Garden Machinery industry Federation (EGMF)

The European Lawnmower Manufacturers Federation was created in 1977. Its members were European manufacturers of lawnmowers for domestic, municipal and recreational use, and the national associations representing these manufacturers in France, Germany and the UK. It broadened its scope to cover all lawn and garden equipment and became the EGMF in 1993. Currently, EGMF members comprise 20 European manufacturers and National Associations from Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain and the UK which represent indirect EGMF members who are mainly SME manufacturers in their country.