

# LEZ: The low-down on emissions

IPAF is seeking official confirmation from Transport for London that truck mounted platforms are exempted from the London Low Emission Zone (LEZ) due to commence on 4 February 2008. Van mounts will not be exempted. The LEZ aims to improve air quality in London by deterring the most polluting vehicles from being driven in the area. The vehicles affected are older diesel-engined lorries, buses, coaches and other heavy vehicles. The LEZ will be introduced in phases through to January 2012. Different vehicles will be affected over time and increasingly

tougher emissions standards will apply. Vehicles fitted with Euro III engines meet the initial LEZ standard. All vehicles first registered after 1st October 2001 are assumed to be Euro III and so will meet the LEZ emissions standard.

More information is at [www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/lez/default.aspx](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/lez/default.aspx) The situation for truck and van mounts was discussed at the PAIG (Powered Access Interest Group) meeting on 8th August. IPAF and the Construction Plant-hire Association (CPA) are drafting joint guidance on this.

## Access Link supports IPAF Rental+

Members of Access Link, a group of rental companies with a combined fleet of 3,800 units, have expressed their intention to obtain the IPAF Rental+ quality mark. Two members, AJ Access and Peter Hird, already hold this award that certifies them as meeting defined standards in safety and service.

The latest Access Link meeting was held on 9th August at IPAF headquarters in Milnthorpe. The meeting welcomed two new members to the Access Link: Lifterz from Yorkshire and Charles Wilson Engineers covering the areas of London, the South East, and Liverpool and Manchester.

*Access Link members cover a combined fleet of some 3,800 units on a national basis.*



## Outdoor noise limits

IPAF is consulting the access industry on the likely impact of proposed changes to Directive 2000/14/EC, noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors. One of the issues under study is whether or not MEWPs should be moved from Annex

13 (noise marking) to Annex 12 (noise limit) in the Directive, with a noise limit of 94dBA. Comments on the practicality of the proposed limit and the likely sources of noise when using MEWPs should be sent to Gil Male, IPAF technical officer.

## Last call for PDS

Instructors and staff at IPAF-approved training centres should not miss the Professional Development Seminar (PDS) on the 19th September at the Haydock Racecourse, WA12 0HQ. This year's topics include the new instructor criteria, management of thorough

examinations, and the new demonstrator course. Attendees have the chance to visit Vertical Days at the same venue. IPAF has negotiated special rates with the Holiday Inn at Haydock, Tel: 0870 400 9039. Quote the booking reference 29285.



Brad Boehler of Skyjack places a Click It! sticker on a boom lift.

## Click around the world

The Clunk Click campaign for harnesses got a boost in Germany and the United States this summer.

At the German platform safety day (TABS), held at the end of June in Frankfurt, Reinhard Willenbrock of IPAF-Deutschland called on all manufacturers, rental companies and users in the industry to use all possible means to promote the use of harnesses in boom lifts. Platformers' Days is supporting the campaign and sponsoring the production of 10,000 German 'Click Clack' stickers, distributed during the event at the end of August.

The North American version 'Click It' was launched at the Scaffold Industry Association (SIA) Convention in the US. The campaign has attracted strong interest from the industry. Major players such as NES Rentals and Skyjack have got behind the campaign and committed to placing stickers on all their boom lifts.

## ElectroMagnetic Compatibility

IPAF has provided clarification to members on the implementation of the new ElectroMagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive 2004/108/EC which replaces Directive 89/336/EEC. The new Directive applies from 20th July 2007 and the old Directive is "repealed" from that date on. All new products can be placed on the market against the provisions of national laws that implement the new Directive. However, manufacturers can also continue to place "historic" products (existing models) on the market as long as they comply with the provisions of the old Directive until 20th July 2009. From this date on, all new products must conform fully with the new Directive.

## Europlatform

Managers from the European access rental industry met on 11th September in Basel, Switzerland for the first Europlatform conference. More news in the next issue.

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