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EN12999 A3 Update

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ALLMI focus

With the A3 amendment of the European Standard for loader cranes, EN12999, due to come into force on the 27th December this year, ALLMI has been busy updating its members on the new requirements. The changes introduced by the revised Standard will include:



- A requirement for the stability of the vehicle / deployment of each stabiliser to be monitored by the RCL system.
- A requirement for testing the maximum emission sound power levels upon installation.
- A requirement for both audible and visual warning in the cab for boom height/boom not stowed and for the "manual stabiliser not locked" device.
- A requirement for manufacturers to ensure that the foot diameter is such that the resultant maximum ground pressure is no more than 4MPa.

ALLMI's technical manager, Alan Johnson says: "This Standard will have a significant impact on the specification of new cranes. ALLMI will ensure that its members are provided with the best currently-available information relating to the changes and any compliance issues with the new standard."



Operators' Forum general meeting

On the 20th November the ALLMI Operators' Forum held its second general meeting of the year, with members updated on a raft of issues, including the requirements of the recently revised standards, BS7121 Part 4 and EN12999 and the associations achievements over the last 12 months which include:

- BS 7121 Part 4 involvement / provision of guidance to members
- Lorry loader Best Practice Guide development
- EN12999 involvement / provision of guidance to members
- New Guidance Notes - Calibrating reduced capacity areas / Chassis purchase
- Hire company guidance.
- Further development of the ALLMI Code of Practice
- Engine Management Systems project launch



- Whole Vehicle Type Approval discussions / Working Group formed
- Appointed Person training course under development
- ALLMI / CPCS agreement finalised
- Significant uptake of ALLMI's Thorough Examination & Load Test training course
- A 50 percent increase in the level of auditing
- Development of an auditing system for Operators' Forum members
- Sponsorship of the 2009 ISO Crane Conference
- Successful second year of the association's market statistics project
- Employment of a technical director

AIPS advises ALLMI members to review contract conditions

ALLMI's approved supplier for insurance services, AIPS, has advised members to review the contract conditions under which they operate. AIPS account executive, Noel Marriot, said: "Keeping clients 'on side' is more vital than ever with this in mind, equipment owners should review the contract conditions under which their plant is hired out. Conditions are designed quite rightly to protect the position of the equipment owner by passing responsibility for any damage or injury during the contract onto the hirer, who is usually prepared to accept responsibility for the plant and its usage. However where owners hire out an item and supply the operator as part of the contract and damage is caused by the negligence of its operator, where does the liability lie for the resulting claim? Typical contract conditions state that the hirer is still responsible if the equipment is on their site, however, many would expect the owner to pick up the bill, as it is the negligence of its employee that caused the damage.

From an insurer's point of view, there is a contract

in place that precludes the owner from liability, so it is unlikely to settle a claim which it is not legally obliged to pay. Therefore, the hirer of the plant will have to claim from their own insurance, which could easily lead to the loss of the customer. You would expect all parties involved would be fully aware of the contract's terms, but this can be irrelevant if the hirer is unhappy with a bill for thousands of pounds for something outside of his direct control.

An alternative contract could leave liability for such claims with the owner, but this is likely to affect the premium at renewal if there is a claim. Is the loss of a large client over such an incident more detrimental than an increase in insurance costs? I think, in the current climate, this is a matter that is worth some consideration. For this reason, we're encouraging members to review their policies to establish whether they permit plant to be hired out under alternative conditions. As always, we're more than happy to speak to members about this or any other insurance related issues, regardless of whether they're currently clients of ours."

ALLMI / CPA Best Practice Guide

The public comment phase for the draft of the ALLMI / CPA Best Practice Guide (BPG) on loader crane operations closed on the 6th November. The BPG is expected to be published in early 2010 to clarify and expanding on BS7121 Part 4. The association has worked on the project in conjunction with the Construction Plant-hire Association, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), the United Kingdom Contractors Group (UKCG), the Modular and Portable Building Association (MPBA) and the Safety Assessment Federation (SAFed), ALLMI's chairman, Mark Rigby, comments: "Although the Best Practice Guide will not be classed as a 'Standard', the fact that it is endorsed by so many reputable organisations will carry significant weight within the industry."

Membership Growth
2009 has been ALLMI's best ever year with 27 new members bringing the total to 116.