

EN12999: 2010 update

ALLMI recently informed its members that EN12999: 2010 has been approved by CEN and can now be considered as the harmonised Standard for the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC. The Association is currently waiting for confirmation of the date on which the new Standard will be entered into the EU Official Journal, at which point it should be available to purchase.

More ALLMI training courses approved for Driver CPC

Further to the approval of its one day experienced/refresher lorry loader course, ALLMI has now gained recognition from the Joint Approvals Unit for Periodic Training (JAUPT) for its two day novice programme. In addition, the association is in the process of registering its Slinger/Signaller course for Driver CPC. ALLMI accredited training providers that are JAUPT approved will be able to register the training courses through their own centres.



More guidance for members

ALLMI recently released further guidance on a number of topics. In relation to Thorough Examination and Load Testing, members were given advice on how to establish whether insurance companies carrying out this type of work can be considered competent to do so. Members were also given guidance on the implications of BS7121 Part 4: 2010 and in particular, the importance of the role and responsibilities of the Appointed Person. Alan Johnson, technical director and author of the guidance documents, said: "As the trade association for the industry, it is essential that we continually advise members

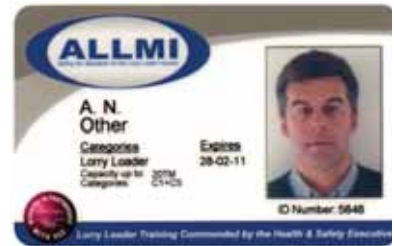
on current issues affecting lorry loaders. As well as providing advice and guidance on an ad-hoc basis, we regularly produce bulletins and guidance notes in order to assist our members in complying with any technical or legislative developments, or simply best practice."



ALLMI training on the increase

ALLMI has posted an 18 percent increase in the number of people trained to the end of July, compared to the same period last year.

Executive director, Tom Wakefield said: "We've seen a significant increase in the level of lorry loader training this year and we believe it reflects the quality of the training programme, which is the only one for loader cranes commended by the UK Health and Safety Executive and to fully comply with the requirements of BS7121 Part 4: 2010." WTB Group, one of the UK's leading suppliers of building materials to the infrastructure, environmental and industrial markets, is a strong advocate of ALLMI training. Peter Duckett, WTB's mechanical and operations manager, said: "Health, safety and training are



always at the top of our agenda and we've been benefiting from the quality of the ALLMI lorry loader course for many years now. The course content is extremely comprehensive and ensures that our operators have all the necessary skills to do their job safely and efficiently. Our involvement in the ALLMI Operators' Forum also allows us to have valuable input into the development of the scheme."

Engine Management Systems one year on

In September 2009, ALLMI launched its Engine Management Systems (EMS) project, designed to bring together the knowledge and experience of truck, loader crane and PTO manufacturers, with the aim of resolving the issues surrounding the wiring into and the subsequent programming of Engine Management Systems. The launch promoted the release of an array of systems, procedures and template documents for those involved with EMS, as well as a password protected area of the ALLMI website which plays a major role in improving the flow of information between all parties concerned. One year on, the project has proved to be a great success and progress shows no signs of slowing. The long-term solutions to EMS related problems, e.g. CANbus, are still a long way off and so for that reason the EMS Working Group has been focusing on interim measures and continues to meet on a regular basis in order to review feedback and to ensure that the systems, information and website facility continue to meet the needs of the industry.



ALLMI's membership continues to grow

In spite of the current economic climate, ALLMI membership continues to grow with 14 new member companies joining since the start of the year and a considerable number of applications pending. E T Holdings joined earlier this year and group safety and training manager, Daniel Lavery, said:

"Membership of ALLMI has been a huge benefit to our business. The quality of information that comes out of the association is excellent, while the training courses and guidance documentation ensures that our employees are working to the highest standard at all times. The services provided by ALLMI, its strength as a voice in the industry and the credibility we obtain from being part of the association, makes membership a must for any company involved with lorry loaders."

