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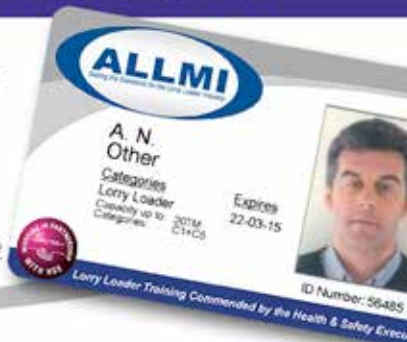
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Proposed changes for MOT testing

The UK's Department for Transport has published two public consultations on heavy goods vehicles (HGV) periodic testing and inspections and goods vehicle operator licensing exemptions. The HGV testing scheme currently provides exemption for 37 classes of vehicle however the Department for Transport is proposing to remove or modify exemptions covering 10 categories.

The proposed changes will affect many items of road going machinery including, mobile cranes, tower wagons (truck mounted aerial work platforms) and mobile concrete pumps. Both the Crane Interest Group and the British Concrete Pumping Group met in January to discuss the proposals and the CPA is now preparing a response to the Department of Transport.

The CPA has also expressed its concerns as only one organisation was notified of this consultation document and that no relevant trade associations were sent the consultation document.

To view the consultation documents visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hgv-periodic-testing-and-inspections-exemptions>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/goods-vehicle-operator-licensing-exemptions>

The public consultations will close on the 5th March 2015. If you have any comments on the proposed changes email: david.smith@cpa.uk.net



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Drug driving law change

From the 2nd March a new law will be in force in England and Wales that will make it an offence to drive while over specified limits for a total of 16 drugs. The new offence will make it easier for the police to arrest motorists who drive after taking illegal drugs or who abuse medicinal drugs.

Roadside drug screening devices will be developed using saliva to identify if the person driving or in control of the vehicle had taken one or more of the specified drugs, or one that may be metabolised into one of these drugs. Following a positive screening result, the person can then be requested to provide a blood sample for evidence purposes, to enable prosecution for the new offence of being above the specified limit.

The drugs specified are split into two groups – the first 'Zero Tolerance' group consisting of commonly abused drugs such as cocaine, cannabis and ketamine. The second group consists of mainly licensed medicines that have a significant liability to be abused, and for which specified limits have been set at a higher level than the first group. The higher limits are generally above the normal therapeutic range so most patients are unlikely to be driving with a concentration of a specified drug in their body above the specified limit.

For more information on this new law which affects all drivers and operators, visit: <https://insidedvla.blog.gov.uk/2014/12/19/a-new-drug-driving-law-comes-into-force-in-march-2015/>

GLA emissions update

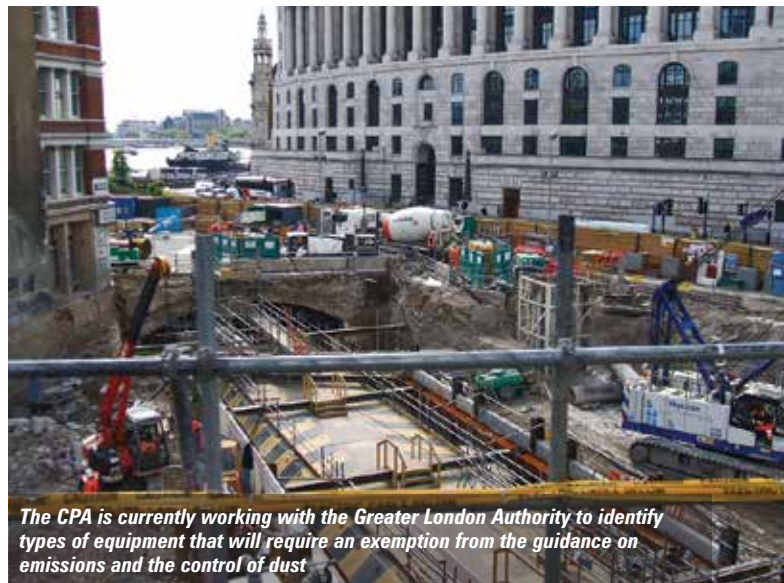
In the summer of 2014 the mayor of London's office published the long expected guidance on emissions and the control of dust during construction and demolition. The controls take the form of supplementary planning guidance (SPG), which imposes a new non-road going mobile machinery Low Emissions Zone (LEZ) in London.

Effective from September 2015, all types of machinery working on sites in central London and Canary Wharf must meet Stage IIIB emissions standards or higher. On major sites elsewhere in London, machinery should meet Stage IIIA standards.

The CPA is now working with the Greater London Authority to identify types of equipment which cannot practically meet the new requirements, and will therefore require an exemption. As such, the CPA is inviting companies to specify what categories or items of machinery they own which they believe will not be able to meet these requirements within the time frame.

All claims for exemption will need to be justified. If an exemption is granted, a form will need to be completed for each individual item, identified by its serial number. A copy of the form agreed by the GLA can be downloaded from the CPA website: www.cpa.uk.net CPA director Kevin Minton, said: "This is construction machinery owners opportunity to identify equipment and justify it being exempted from the controls. If companies do not do so, then non-compliant machines may be banned from London sites from September this year."

The Greater London Authority code of practice on controls on emissions



The CPA is currently working with the Greater London Authority to identify types of equipment that will require an exemption from the guidance on emissions and the control of dust

from diesel engine construction equipment in London can be viewed online at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/planning/publications/the-control-of-dust-and-emissions-during-construction-and>