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# Management must lead on anti-entrapment

Management must lead on identifying and responding to anti-entrapment issues as there is no simple solution available, more than 30 contractors were told by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) at a seminar convened by IPAF in November.

IPAF chief executive Tim Whiteman reminded delegates that aerial lifts are recognised as an extremely safe way of working at height and have made a great contribution to safety. This was affirmed by principal inspector Joy Jones from the HSE's Construction Safety Team, who noted that it would be a retrograde step if contractors ever stopped using lifts because of concerns about entrapment issues:

"Management must identify that working in restricted overhead spaces is a high-risk activity and undertake appropriate risk analysis," said Whiteman. "The solution is for appropriately trained managers to ensure that an appropriate lift has been selected, that the operator has appropriate experience and training, that there are suitable work systems in place and prepare for any emergency, and to consider whether any additional devices will assist in reducing the risk of entrapment."

Jones also encouraged delegates to enrol staff on the IPAF MEWPs for Managers course in response to the issues raised at the seminar.



Existing guidance on anti-entrapment, as well as presentations from the IPAF seminar on this subject, are available at [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)

## Aerial lifts will not require "dangerous goods" labels

IPAF has clarified with the VCA, an executive agency of the UK Department for Transport, that aerial work platforms will not be required to carry "dangerous goods" labels, following amendments to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) which go into force on 1 January 2013.

Under the amended regulations, liquid fuels are classified as dangerous goods and equipment or machinery with tanks above 60 litres are required to have the relevant decals/labels/stickers (special provision 363). However, special provision 363 does not apply to fuel contained in tanks of items covered by exemption 1.1.3.3 (a) or (b): "1.1.3.3 (b) Fuel contained in the tanks of vehicles which are carried as a load, where it is destined for their propulsion or the operation of any of their equipment. Any fuel cocks between the engine or equipment and the fuel tank shall be closed during carriage unless it is essential for the equipment to remain operational. Where appropriate, the vehicles or other means of conveyance shall be loaded upright and secured against falling."

Aerial lifts are exempted under 1.1.3.3 (b) as they meet the conditions described in the first sentence, i.e. they use the fuel both to move them to the required work position and to go up and down.

## Lifting the lid on maintenance

IPAF Powered Access 2013, the Federation's UK annual journal, has been published. This year's big debate looks at the topic of ensuring that aerial work platforms have their six-monthly thorough examination and who is competent to do appropriate inspection and maintenance.



## CITB grants for PAL+

IPAF PAL+ training can be supported through the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) grant scheme. The employer will need to contact their local company development advisor in order to process the claim either as part of Short Duration Training or a Training and Development plan.



## IPAF appoints audit and QC manager

IPAF has appointed Lynn Price to the new position of audit and quality control (QC) manager. Price, an engineer, has a long career in quality management and auditing, including holding the position of quality and environmental manager with Sony Europe for seven years.

"Lynn is responsible for overseeing the highest possible standards of auditing for IPAF's expanding training programmes around the world," said IPAF chief executive Tim Whiteman. "His main task is to establish rigorous and systematic audit operations in new countries, as well as to oversee all aspects of quality control within IPAF and its existing network of training centres. He will manage a team of part-time auditors, and reports to IPAF director of operations, Giles Councill.

He is based at IPAF's head office in Cumbria and can be contacted on [lynn.price@ipaf.org](mailto:lynn.price@ipaf.org)

## Judges announced for IAPAs

The judges for the International Awards for Powered Access have been appointed. They are: Ebbe Christensen of Reachmaster, Stefan Kulawik of Palfinger Platforms, Enrica Pege of Venpa, Ken Pustizzi of Trico Lift and IPAF president Wayne Lawson.



## JLG's Tim Hatch to speak at IPAF Summit

Tim Hatch, JLG vice-president of engineering, has joined the list of speakers for the IPAF Summit on 26th March in Miami, Florida.

Other speakers include Ron DeFeo of Terex, Michael Kneeland of United Rentals and Sérgio Kariya from the rental division of Mills Brazil. Register at [www.iapa-summit.info](http://www.iapa-summit.info)

