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CAA to form working groups to assess impact of CAP1096

As reported in the October issue the UK's Civil Aviation Authority

(CAA) has announced a delay in the implementation of 'CAP1096 - Guidance to Crane Operators on Aviation Lighting and Notification' until May 31st. Following representations from the CPA, ALLMI and others, the CAA has agreed to set up four working groups with representatives from the crane and lift industry to consider the impact of the proposed guidance.



Issues to be considered include:

- Threshold height for notification,
- Notification period,
- Obstacle lighting requirements,
- Marking of the crane structure,
- Inconsistency between aerodrome operators in application of guidance and charges,
- Appeals process,
- Impact on the UK crane industry.

In the meantime, the CAA is to run a trial with a small number of crane users to test and assess the proposed notification system.

EU transition seminars and briefings

With the UK leaving the EU's Single Market and the Customs Union the CPA has held a series of online seminars and briefings for CPA members likely to be affected by any changes. Companies that operate in the EU will have to prepare and take steps to work within the new trading relationship.



The seminars and briefings have looked at the process companies will have to complete in order to rent equipment from the UK into the EU or vice versa, including information on the customs process that need to be followed. The briefing also addressed what companies who operate on both sides of the Irish border will now have to understand to maintain the movement and flow of equipment and materials from north to south.

In the second of the CPA's briefings the guest speaker was Holly Tonge of Brightfinch, an international trade consultant who has spent her career advising companies on how to be compliant and ready for importing and exporting goods and services around the globe.

The end of year deadline has seen a raft of new measures and processes come into effect at border and crossing points between the EU and UK. The requirements take effect both ways, with spare parts and new machines being bought into the country, alongside equipment being hired out from the UK to the EU and beyond. In what is likely to remain a fluid situation for at least the first part of the new year, government advice and requirements for companies dealing with the EU transition process is unlikely to be finalised for some time.

The CPA will be updating its information on a regular basis as and when appropriate, in order to support companies working with their customers and clients in the EU.



Plant Installer category for Stars of the Future

The CPA is to include the category of 'Plant Installer of the Year' in the 2021 Stars of the Future awards due to the number of trainees undertaking the dedicated occupation of building, installing and in most cases, dismantling equipment from components. These typically include tower cranes, crawler cranes, mast climbers and hoists.

Although a formalised apprenticeship for this occupation has yet to be devised, the CPA entry criteria requires that applicant trainees are on an employer training programme of at least 12 months duration and working towards either the Plant Installations NVQ or SVQ or other form of formal occupational competence based qualification. A training programme for tower crane and hoist installers has been devised by the respective interest groups in conjunction with the CITB and the Plant Installer occupation is listed as a CSCS category.

There are now a total of six national titles for 2021 - Plant Mechanic (Level 2), Plant Technician (Level 3), Plant Operative, Lifting Technician, Hire Controller and the brand new category for Plant Installer of the Year. Nominations are now open until March 31st. Nomination forms can be found at www.cpa.uk.net.

CPA chief executive Kevin Minton said: "Stars of the Future recognises the UK's most promising apprentices and trainees in the construction equipment sector. Last year we had over 70 nominees and we are delighted to extend the awards programme even further this year with the new national title of CPA Plant Installer of the Year. We urge employers to nominate apprentices and trainees who they believe should be recognised as stars in the making."



The national winners for 2020 were

Plant Mechanic of the Year:

Adam Rees of Machinery Movements and Crane Hire

Plant Technician of the Year: Rhys Nigel John of Marubeni-Komatsu

Plant Operative of the Year: Danielle Taylor of Flannery Plant Hire

Lifting Technician of the Year: Luke Reddish of Wolffkran

Hire Controller of the Year: Iveta Tomasevska of Flannery Plant Hire