
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 2307

The Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998

Interpretation

- 2.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—
- “the 1974 Act” means the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974;
 - “the 1992 Regulations” means the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 1992(1);
 - “accessory for lifting” means work equipment for attaching loads to machinery for lifting;
 - “EC declaration of conformity” means a declaration which complies with—
 - (a) regulation 22 of the 1992 Regulations;
 - (b) Article 12.1 of Council Directive [89/686/EEC](#)(2) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to personal protective equipment; or
 - (c) regulation 8(2)(d) of the Lifts Regulations 1997(3);
 - “employer” except in regulation 3(2) and (3) includes a person to whom the requirements imposed by these Regulations apply by virtue of regulation 3(3)(a) and (b);
 - “essential requirements” has the same meaning as in the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998(4);
 - “examination scheme” means a suitable scheme drawn up by a competent person for such thorough examinations of lifting equipment at such intervals as may be appropriate for the purpose described in regulation 9(3);
 - “the Executive” means the Health and Safety Executive;
 - “lifting equipment” means work equipment for lifting or lowering loads and includes its attachments used for anchoring, fixing or supporting it;
 - “lifting operation” has the meaning given in regulation 8(2);
 - “load” includes a person;
 - “thorough examination” in relation to a thorough examination under paragraph (1), (2) or (3) of regulation 9—
 - (a) means a thorough examination by a competent person;
 - (b) where it is appropriate to carry out testing for the purpose described in the paragraph, includes such testing by a competent person as is appropriate for the purpose,and “thoroughly examined” shall be construed accordingly;
 - “work equipment” means any machinery, appliance, apparatus, tool or installation for use at work (whether exclusively or not).
- (2) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in these Regulations to—

(1) [S.I. 1992/3073](#) to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.
(2) OJNo. L399. 30.12.89, p.18; printed in the Schedule to [S.I. 1992/3139](#).
(3) [S.I. 1997/831](#).
(4) [S.I. 1998/2306](#).

- (a) a numbered regulation or Schedule is a reference to the regulation or Schedule in these Regulations so numbered; and
- (b) a numbered paragraph is a reference to the paragraph so numbered in the regulation or Schedule in which the reference appears.