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9.1.6.1 Requirements.

Legislation requires that all lifting operations are risk assessed (Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999) and that all lifting equipment owned and used by the STR is inspected in accordance with a written scheme of inspection on a regular basis by a competent person with a written report being made of each inspection (Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998).

Additionally, pre-use inspection of all lifting equipment must be undertaken before each period of use.

Lifting equipment includes forklift trucks, excavators used for lifting, slings, straps, jacks, shackles, & hoists.

9.1.6.2 Arrangements.

For lifting equipment under the control of the STR, such as forklift trucks, excavators used for lifting, slings, straps, jacks, shackles, & hoists there is a written scheme of examination compiled and undertaken by the qualified inspection organisation appointed by the STR Insurer.

Where any defects are identified during examination, the DOM / Responsible Person has responsibility for executing any repairs or other remedial actions.

All lifting equipment under the control of the STR is recorded in an inventory and bears a unique identification.


Equipment may only be used if it is registered and marked to confirm that it has been subject to the necessary statutory examination including the date that the next inspection is due.

STR procedures are in place for inspection of lifting equipment prior to use, for correct use within specified limits and for adequate maintenance and storage.

STR staff & volunteers who operate lifting equipment are given suitable & sufficient training, which is refreshed as necessary and includes competency assessment.

In the case of forklift trucks and excavators used for lifting, a register of staff & volunteers holding the required competency certificates is maintained.

Only certified STR staff & volunteers are permitted to operate forklift trucks and excavators used for lifting.

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9.1.6.3 Applicable Legislation.

Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998.

Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.

9.1.6.4 References.

Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998.

L113 Safe Use of Lifting Equipment – Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 ACOP & Guidance Edition 2 2014.

INDG 422 06-2008 Thorough Examination of Lifting Equipment – A Simple Guide for Employers.

INDG 290 Rev 1 03-2013 Lifting Equipment at Work A Brief Guide.

9.1.6.5 Documentation.

Lifting Task Risk Assessments.

Written Schemes of Examination Records.

Equipment Pre-use Inspection Records.

List of STR Approved Operators of Forklift Truck and Excavators.