

FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS
(LOADSHIFTING MACHINERY) REGULATION

(Made under section 7 of the Factories and Industrial
Undertakings Ordinance (Cap. 59) subject to the
approval of the Legislative Council)

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Commissioner for Labour by notice in the Gazette.

2. Interpretation

(1) In this Regulation, unless the context otherwise requires -

“certificate” (證書) means a certificate issued to a person by the organizer of a training course which evidences that, by virtue of his attendance at the training course designed for that purpose, he is trained and competent to operate a particular type of loadshifting machine;

“construction site” (建築地盤) has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2(1) of the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations (Cap. 59 sub. leg.);

“fork-lift truck” (叉式起重車) means any self-propelled vehicle equipped with a mast along which travels a power-operated

device for elevating and carrying loads;

“loadshifting machine” (負荷物移動機) means a power-operated mobile machine of a type specified in the Schedule and which is operated by a person riding on the machine;

“responsible person” (負責人), in relation to a loadshifting machine, means a person who is having the management or in charge of the machine but does not include a person who operates the machine and, in the case of a loadshifting machine situated on or used in connection with work on a construction site, also means the contractor responsible for the construction site;

“training course” (訓練課程) means a training course that is -

- (a) recognized by the Commissioner;
- (b) conducted for the purpose of instructing a person in the operation of a type of loadshifting machine; and
- (c) designed to ensure that a person is adequately trained and competent to operate a type of loadshifting machine.

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation, a contractor is responsible for a construction site if he is undertaking construction work there or, where there is more than one contractor undertaking construction work at the site, if he is the principal contractor undertaking construction work there.

3. Operation of loadshifting machine

The responsible person of a loadshifting machine shall ensure that the machine is only operated by a person who -

- (a) has attained the age of 18 years; and
- (b) holds a valid certificate applicable to the type of loadshifting machine to which that machine belongs.

4. Duty of responsible person to provide training course

(1) Subject to subsection (3), the responsible person of a loadshifting machine shall ensure the provision to each of his employees who is instructed (whether directly or indirectly) by him to operate a loadshifting machine of a training course conducted for the type of loadshifting machine to which that machine belongs.

(2) In case the employee fails to obtain a certificate after attending the training course, the responsible person of a loadshifting machine shall ensure the provision of an additional training course conducted for the same type of loadshifting machine as the first-mentioned training course for the employee.

(3) The responsible person of a loadshifting machine is not obliged to comply with subsection (1) if the employee holds a valid certificate applicable to the type of loadshifting machine to which that machine belongs.

5. Duty of person to attend training course

An employee referred to in section 4(1) is required to attend such training course as may be provided by the responsible person of the loadshifting machine unless he holds a valid certificate applicable to the type of loadshifting machine to which that machine belongs.

6. Production of certificate

(1) A person who operates a loadshifting machine shall, on being so required by an occupational safety officer, produce his valid certificate to the officer for inspection.

(2) A person who is unable to produce his valid certificate for inspection when required to do so under subsection (1), shall produce it for inspection by the officer within such reasonable time and at such reasonable place as required by the officer.

7. Exemption

This Regulation does not apply to a person who operates a truck or lorry if he is the holder of a valid driving licence issued under the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) of the class to which the truck or lorry belongs.

8. Offences and penalties

(1) A responsible person who without reasonable excuse

contravenes section 3 commits an offence and is liable to a fine at level 5.

(2) A responsible person who without reasonable excuse contravenes section 4(1) commits an offence and is liable to a fine at level 5.

(3) An employee referred to in section 4(1) who without reasonable excuse contravenes section 5 commits an offence and is liable to a fine at level 3.

(4) Any person who operates a loadshifting machine and who without reasonable excuse contravenes section 6 commits an offence and is liable to a fine at level 3.

SCHEDULE

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PART I

Loadshifting machines used in industrial undertakings -

- (a) a fork-lift truck.

PART II

Loadshifting machines used on construction sites -

- (a) a bulldozer;
- (b) a loader;
- (c) an excavator;
- (d) a truck;
- (e) a lorry;

- (f) a compactor;
- (g) a dumper;
- (h) a grader;
- (i) a locomotive;
- (j) a scraper.

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Explanatory Note

The purpose of this Regulation is to ensure that loadshifting machines are operated by competent persons. It provides that the machines may only be operated by persons who have attained the age of 18 years and who hold a valid certificate. It further imposes a duty on responsible person to provide training courses designed to ensure that operators are adequately trained and competent to operate them. Operators are required to attend training course provided by

responsible persons. The Regulation also provides for ancillary matters such as the duty to produce valid certificate, exemption and specifies the offences and penalties for contravention of the provisions.