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Transport Platforms: Operational Minute.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom.

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate.

3. Originating Department

Health and Safety Executive.

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5. Title

Transport Platforms: Operational Minute.

6. Products Concerned

Transport Platforms.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

When transport platforms are used to carry passengers they must be fitted with:

A full height base enclosure with gates which are electrically interlocked;

Falling object protection e.g. a roof;

Platform gates that cannot open outwards inadvertently; and

· Landing gates that comply with the provisions of BS EN 12159.

The UK will fulfill its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC (as amended) when this Guidance is officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Transport platforms are being supplied for use on construction sites in the United Kingdom with claims that they comply with the Machinery Directive and yet obvious risks are not adequately addressed. The Machinery Directive, 98/37/EC, Article 1(3) specifically excludes construction site hoists from scope of the Directive.

The United Kingdom does not accept the case put forward by suppliers of transport platforms that they are within scope of the Directive. These platforms are used on construction sites and as hoists and are therefore covered by the Article 1(3) exclusion.

The United Kingdom accepts that transport platforms offer improved means of transferring large loads at construction sites and in order to ensure that all safety risks are addressed has agreed with UK suppliers that risks from falling objects; platform and landing gates and from the platform descending into a danger zone should be addressed. The United Kingdom's Health and Safety Executive therefore proposes to issue this guidance to clarify the position for suppliers and will use it as a basis for informing enforcement judgments using the national implementing regulations for the Use of Work Equipment Directive (89/655/EEC).

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

i Draft guidance

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No.

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

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