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Guidance Note PM 28: Working Platforms (Non-Integrated) on Forklift Trucks

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist.

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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 (HSE)

4. Notification Number

2004/0507/UK – T40T



5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Working Platforms (Non-Integrated) on Forklift Trucks

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Part 1 of PM 28 gives details on how to select a suitable platform and truck combination, how they can be used safely together, and necessary characteristics on the design of the platforms to provide for their safe use. There is also additional guidance for Permissioning Control Working Platforms, and Very Narrow Aisle (VNA) trucks.

Part 2 gives the relevant legal requirements and how they apply to supply and use of the platforms. Working platforms without controls (i.e. non-integrated) must be used in compliance with the general duties of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act (1974). They also fall within the remit of the UK regulations that implement the Use of Work Equipment Directive (89/655/EC), and the Temporary Work at Height Directive (which will be implemented in the UK in 2005). Their use is permitted only in exceptional circumstances, and the guidance helps identify such circumstances.

This document does not contain regulations, but guidance: it is made clear that it is not compulsory, and that employers, manufacturers and designers are free to take other action. However, by following it, they will normally be doing enough to comply with the law.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when this guidance is officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Use of non-integrated platforms on forklift trucks to access height is allowed in the UK in exceptional circumstances.

Working at height is a high-risk activity, and the work, selection and use of a safe means of access and working area is important. GN PM28 has been produced to encourage safer working practices, and is intended to help suppliers, hirers and users of non-integrated working platforms meet their legal duties.

Although use of an integrated working platform would provide a higher level of safety than a non-integrated one, it is not always practicable for temporary work. In these circumstances a non-integrated platform would provide a safer means of access than, for example, improvised stairs or platforms, or a ladder.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

No basic texts.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No



12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

Impact Assessment – As the document is non-binding guidance, as opposed to statutory regulations, a regulatory impact assessment was not required.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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