GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT, 1993 (ACT NO. 85 OF 1993)

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION

DRIVEN MACHINERY REGULATIONS

Government Notice R.295 of 26 February 1988

I, Jace Naidoo designated chief inspector in terms of section 27(1) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1993 and by virtue of the power delegated to me by the Minister of Labour, hereby with the recommendation of the Advisory Council for Occupational Health and Safety, incorporate under section 44(1) the National Code of Practice for Training Providers to Lifting machine operators into Driven Machinery Regulation 18(11)

NATIONAL CODE OF PRACTICE

FOR THE EVALUATION OF TRAINING PROVIDERS FOR LIFTING MACHINE OPERATORS

FOREWORD

This Code of Practice is to provide clarity and direction to all stakeholders directly or indirectly related to the accreditation and provision of training to lifting machine/equipment operators in South Africa.

This document incorporates the experience acquired by the Department of Labour, the relevant stakeholders of the industry since 1992.

This Code of Practice provides direction regarding the foundation for training of all lifting machine/equipment operators with the objective of ensuring standardised training, and safety standards that will impact directly on reducing the risk of injury/death to employees/persons or damage to plant and equipment, inherent in all driven machinery operations and especially when loads are lifted or transported.

be subject to direct facilitator supervision.

Notes:

- Operators without a valid certificate shall not operate the relevant lifting machine/equipment in the working or operating environment.

- Operators of immovable machines (area specific) may be trained/ assessed in the working or operating environment only under the direct and constant supervision of a facilitator/assessor and the work area is safe and safeguarded.

- The 1-hour practical training and assessment period must include sufficient practical preparation/training of the operator before any assessment.

- Should the operator not meet the prescribed unit standard competency further training must be arranged, for the learner to achieve the particular outcome/s.

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATION CONDITIONS

1. All learners of whatever status must be physically capable of performing without difficulty the tasks involved in operating the lifting machine/equipment for which they are to receive training or re-certification training and are at least 18 years of age.

2. Before commencing training or re-certification training every learner shall provide the accredited provider with the following:

a. A declaration from the employer confirming the physical and psychological fitness of the learner to undergo the intended training;

b. An optometrist's certificate confirming the learner has adequate day and night vision, and depth perception (e.g. Purdue University standard vision test No. 3): Provided that a valid Professional Driver's Permit can also be accepted in lieu of the optometrist certificate and physical fitness of the learner to undergo the intended training; and

c. Shall wear the required personal protective equipment as prescribed by the employer under the General Safety Regulation 2 of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.