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**Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999**

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the 1992 Regulations” means the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 1992(1);

“accessory for lifting” means work equipment for attaching loads to machinery for lifting;

“EC declaration of conformity” means a declaration which complies with—

(a) regulation 22 of the 1992 Regulations;

(b) Article 12.1 of Council Directive [89/686/EEC](#)(2) on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to personal protective equipment; or

(c) regulation 8(2)(d) of the Lifts Regulations 1997(3);

“employer” except in regulation 3(2) and (3) includes a person to whom the requirements imposed by the Regulations apply by virtue of regulation 3(3)(a) and (b);

“essential requirements” has the same meaning as in the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999(4);

“examination scheme” means a suitable scheme drawn up by a competent person for such thorough examinations of lifting equipment at such intervals as may be appropriate for the purpose described in regulation 9(3);

“lifting equipment” means work equipment for lifting or lowering loads and includes its attachments used for anchoring, fixing or supporting it;

“lifting operation” has the meaning given in regulation 8(2);

“load” includes a person;

“territorial waters” means United Kingdom territorial waters adjacent to Northern Ireland and

“within territorial waters” includes on, over and under them;

“thorough examination” in relation to a thorough examination under paragraph (1), (2) or (3) of regulation 9—

(a) means a thorough examination by a competent person;

(b) where it is appropriate to carry out testing for the purpose described in the paragraph, includes such testing by a competent person as is appropriate for the purpose;

and “thoroughly examined” shall be construed accordingly;

“work equipment” means any equipment, machinery, appliance, apparatus, tool or installation for use at work (whether exclusively or not).

(1) [S.I. 1992/3073](#) to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

(2) O.J. No. L399, 21.11.89, p. 18; printed in the Schedule to [S.I. 1992/3139](#)

(3) [S.I. 1997/831](#)

(4) [S.R. 1999 No. 305](#)

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