

G010 - Does lifting equipment manufactured for my own use require conformity assessment and marking?

Yes, manufacturers of new items of lifting equipment that are to be placed on the European Economic Area (EEA) or UK markets, or for putting into service, must design, construct, and supply safe products that comply with the:

<u>Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC (MD) & Its Guidance</u> or <u>Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008 (SOM(S)R</u> - respectively.

All lifting equipment, machine and accessories, fall under the scope of the above legislation and can be found under **MD** Article 2(a) & (d)

SOM(S)R PART 2 Application - 4. Products to which Regulations apply; definition of "machinery"

Powered machines

(i) an assembly, fitted with or intended to be fitted with a drive system other than directly applied human or animal effort, consisting of linked parts or components, at least one of which moves, and which are joined together for a specific application;

Manual machines

v) an assembly of linked parts or components, at least one of which moves and which are joined together, intended for lifting loads and whose only power source is directly applied human effort

Lifting Accessories

(d)components or equipment (including slings and their components) which—

(i) are not attached to lifting machinery;

(ii) allow a load to be held;

(iii) are placed between the machinery and the load or on the load itself, or are intended to constitute an integral part of the load; and

(iv)are independently placed on the market

In particular, they must be designed and built to meet the relevant essential health and safety requirements listed in Annex 1 of the Directive / Schedule 2 of the Regulation.

This requirement applies to the manufacturers of machinery, even where it is for their own use.

For reference - MD- Article 2 (i) 'manufacturer'

For reference - SOM(S)D Part 1 (2) Interpretation 2

For reference - SOM(S)R Part 1 (2) Interpretation 2. Manufacturer a) ii.

It also applies to those who modify existing machinery to such an extent it must be considered a new machine, and for those who bring existing non-Conformity marked machinery onto the EEA market, or into service, for the first time.

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