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Dear Sir/Madam,

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Essential Work of the Lifting Equipment Industry Supporting Supply Chains – clarifying current government advice

An emerging consequence of the Corona virus pandemic is the challenges faced by industry in meeting the requirements to complete statutory thorough examination and testing of plant and equipment to meet duties under the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) and Pressure Systems Safety Regulations (PSSR).

These statutory obligations remain in place. The Health and Safety Executive expects duty holders to make all reasonable efforts to arrange for examination and testing to occur within designated timescales.

Consequently, Lifting Equipment Professionals must continue to go about their business to keep supply chains moving, and government policy is clear that this applies to all supply chains and not only those for food and medical supplies. All travel relating to the above, including to places of work, is therefore to be considered 'essential' travel in the context of current restrictions. At all times workers should however follow Public Health guidelines on social distancing.

This letter has been issued to all members of the Lifting Equipment Engineers Association who have been encouraged to keep it in their vehicles to provide clarity should their travel be questioned. Our members are regularly audited and undertake training to ensure that they are market leading, including in terms of compliance with legislation and government issued directives.

You can check LEEA membership by clicking on the 'Find a member' tab at www.leeaint.com

We respectfully request that you support our members as they go about their essential work to ensure that supply chains can function smoothly and safely.

If you have any questions around this guidance please contact me directly at ross.moloney@leeaint.com

Yours faithfully



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