Dubai Municipality
Health and Safety Department

Examination and Certification of Cranes, Hoists, Lifts and Other Lifting Appliances

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Introduction:

The potential danger in the use of cranes, lifts, hoists and other lifting appliances is well known. The causes of accidents in lifting operations result from improper maintenance, non-provision of warning systems, poor upkeep of safety standards, overloading, unsafe slinging practices and other unsafe operations. To reduce accidents resulting from equipment failure, a periodical test and certification of equipment by competent person is required.

Dubai Local Order No. 61/1991 requires the Occupier/Employer to ensure that the workplace, plant and equipment are safe at all times.

Guidelines:

1- Cranes, hoists, lifts, lifting appliances and gears, forklifts, etc. used in factories, construction sites, hotels and other workplaces shall be tested and certified by competent person once in every 12 months.

2- Only technically qualified and experienced persons in the company approved by the Dubai Central Laboratory Dubai Municipality shall examine, test and certify cranes and other lifting equipment.

3- The company/competent person seeking approval shall comply with the following:

   - The company/competent person should have a Trade License issued by the Economic Dept., Government of Dubai.
   - The company/competent person should have insurance coverage for the professional liability.
   - The company shall obtain accreditation approval from Dubai Central Laboratory.

4- A competent person shall issue a certificate of safety after due examination and test, and only after any repairs have been carried out, specifying the serial number, technical details, tests done, safe working load, etc. for each equipment/appliance.
5- The repairs identified by the competent person shall be carried out by the owner/occupier immediately.

6- If the competent person considers that the appliance is unsafe, the owner must be advised to cease use of the appliance and a report must be sent immediately to the Health and Safety Department.

7- Any re-rating of safe working load or any other condition stipulated for the safe operation shall be clearly indicated in the certificate.

8- Safe working loads shall be displayed on the appliance.

9- Compliance certificate shall be kept at the site.

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