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Lifting Equipment Owners, Authorised Examiners and All Interested Parties

EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATE FOR LIFTS, HOIST AND LIFTING PLATFORM

1 The industry has given feedback on the difficulty in meeting the 6-month statutory inspection for certain classes of lifting equipment, given that many worksites were not operating in the past few months. In view of the difficult situation, we will be granting a 6-month extension to the certificate of statutory testing and examination for Lifts, Hoist and Lifting Platform (below):

Lift (LL)	Hoist (LH)	Lifting Platform (LP)
101 – 103 & 109	201 – 203 & 209	801-806

This will apply to equipment with certificate of expiry between 7 April 2020 and 6 October 2020 (6 months from the start of the circuit breaker). As an illustration, if the certificate had expired in April 2020, the equipment will have to be re-examined by an Authorized Examiner by October 2020, even though we had earlier granted a 2-month extension due to the circuit breaker. Effectively, this means that the certificate will have a validity period of 12 months instead of the usual 6 months for these classes of equipment. This will also apply to new equipment of the same classes registered during this period.

3 In lieu of the statutory inspections, owners of these Lifting Machines are required to appoint a competent person to conduct an in-house inspection and examination of the Lifting Machines to ensure that the equipment can continue to be operated safely during the extended period. The inspection and examination shall be documented into a report or certificate which shall be kept at the workplace and produce for inspection upon request by a MOM Inspector. Owners of these Lifting Machines are also reminded to take all necessary measures and precautions, including the conduct of proper risk assessments and implementation of robust maintenance regime, to ensure that the Lifting Machines can continue to be operated safely during the extended period.

4 For further information, you may contact MOM at <u>mom_oshd@mom.gov,sg</u>.

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¹Competent Person (CP) is defined as a person who has sufficient experience and training to carry out the in-house inspection and examination of the Lifting Machine to ensure that the equipment can continue to operate safely during the extended period. The CP can be a trained engineer/technician from the equipment supplier, or an in-house engineer/technician who has the necessary experience and training in the technical aspects of the equipment involved.

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