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To: Users of Conveyor Systems
Authorised Examiners (Lifting Equipment)
All interested parties

Circular on Vertical Lifters in Conveyor Systems

Vertical lifters in conveyor systems (“VLiCS”) consist of a carrier¹ to transfer materials vertically between different levels of a conveyor system, are used to move or transport materials, packages or objects in a predetermined path and have points of loading and discharge. Some examples of VLiCS are shown in Annex A.

2. VLiCS are integral components of a whole conveyor system and are not deemed as hoists as stated in the Workplace Safety and Health (“WSH”) Act and the WSH (General Provisions) Regulations. Hence, VLiCS are not required to be registered as lifting machines with the Ministry.

3. Notwithstanding that, the hazards involved with the use of the conveyor system, including the VLiCS, in the workplace, such as pinching, entrapment and falling from height, shall be addressed with the conduct of a comprehensive risk assessment and the implementation of effective control measures. These may include restricting access to the conveyor system, guarding or fencing dangerous parts of the system with suitable enclosures and equipping the system with devices such as sensors or interlocks to stop movement when safety boundaries are breached. In addition, proper lock-out procedures shall be implemented before commencing troubleshooting or maintenance activities on the system.

4. Owners of the conveyor systems shall ensure that they are properly maintained and inspected in accordance with the Manufacturer’s specifications.

5. For any queries or clarifications, please contact us at <https://www.mom.gov.sg/contact-us/feedback-and-enquiries>.

¹ The moving part of the vertical lifter that supports the load.

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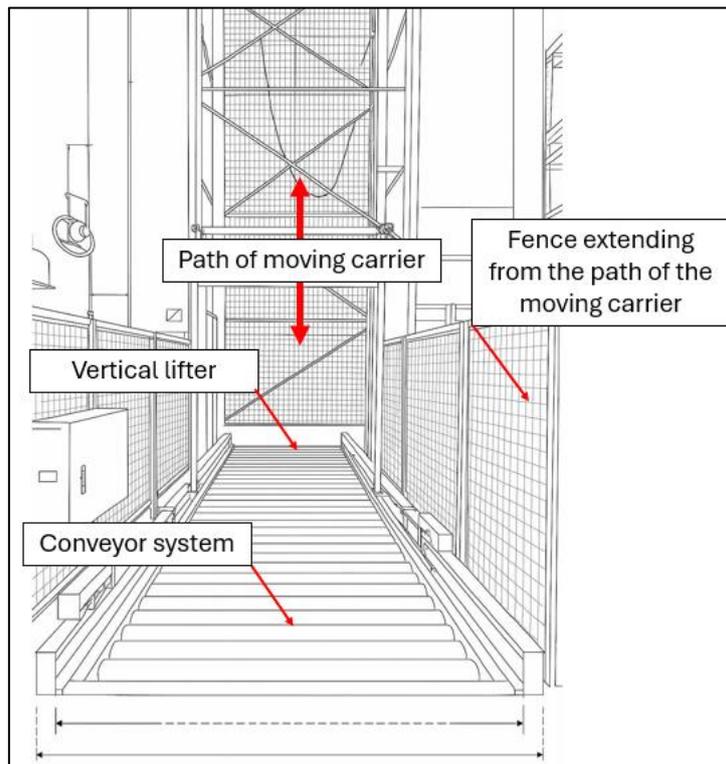


Figure 1: Vertical lifter in a single-conveyor system

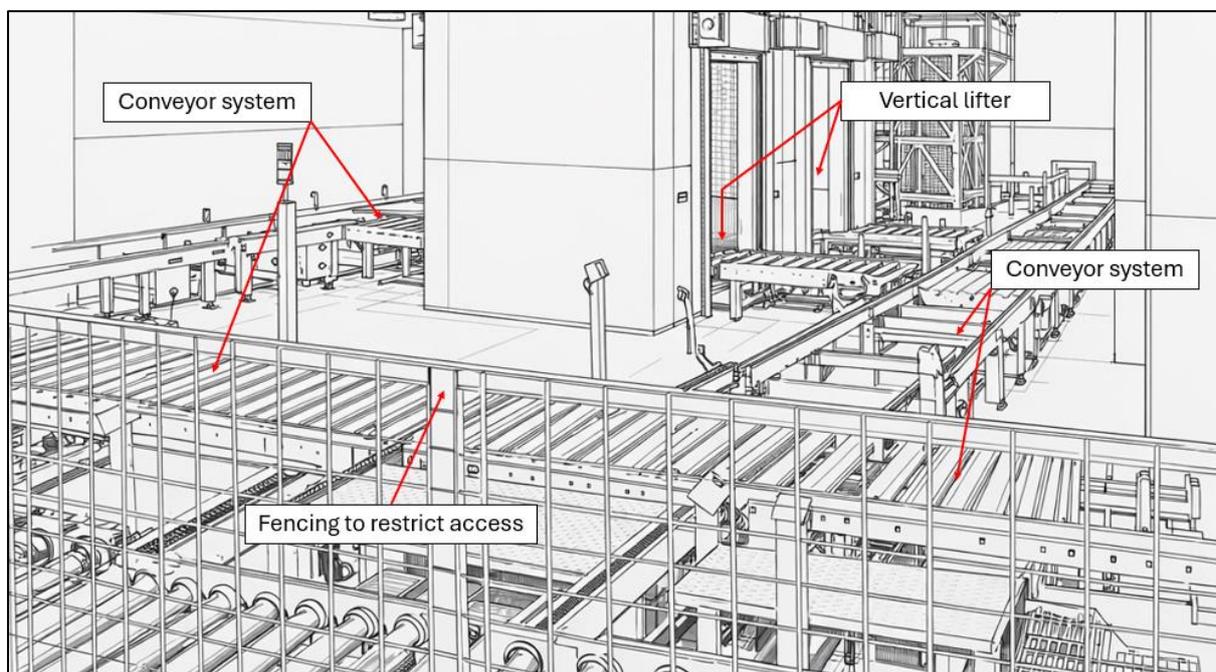


Figure 2: Vertical lifter in a multiple-conveyor system

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