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Telehandler Operatives with CPCS Accreditation

At a recent meeting with CPCS managers, the Telehandler Operative accreditation was specifically discussed, with respect to the activities which the accreditation gave competence.

It was categorically stated that the CPCS accreditation proved competence in the use of the Telehandler with **FORK LOADING ONLY**. It gave no level of competence of operation with **SUSPENDED LOADS**, or any specific competence in the use of **ANY ATTACHMENTS** - of which there are a large variety for these types of machines



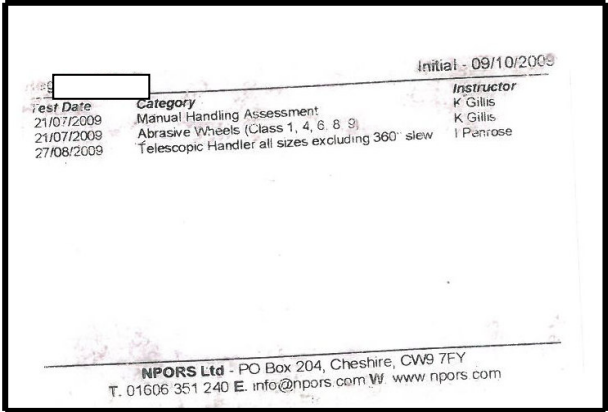
ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN:

As a result of this clarification, all Line Managers and supervisors are required to apply the following assurance checks to Telehandler operatives and suspended load operations;

- Telehandler operatives are only competent to undertake lifting operations in FORKS mode,



Examples of NPORS card (rear view) and Training Certificate



Suspended load lift with a Telehandler

- No SUSPENDED LOAD LIFTING operation can be undertaken until individual competence to carry out SUSPENDED LOAD lifting has been checked and verified by the SITE MANAGER.
- The competency assessment must demonstrate that the individual operative has proof of additional TRAINING and assessment for SUSPENDED LOAD LIFTING before any suspended loads are lifted. This must be more than “Awareness Training or Familiarisation” and must be accredited to a Plant competence Scheme, e.g. NPORS (National Scheme) or Major Company scheme

Telehandler attachments

- The Senior Operational Manager must ensure that there is a controlled list of all Telehandler attachments, that have been approved for use.
- No Telehandler attachments are to be used on sites by operatives until the Site Manager is satisfied that the Telehandler operative is competent and has practical experience of using the attachment.

Towing with Telehandlers

- Some Telehandlers are fitted with the facilities to tow other items of plant around site. If the operative cannot demonstrate towing competence to the site manager/supervisor, any operators without the appropriate training shall not undertake this task

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