

New machinery regulations launched

PRETORIA: The Department of labour's Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Directorate has launched the new Driven Machinery Regulations (DMR).



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The aim of the launch is to ensure that stakeholders know about the changes made on the new regulations, and ensures compliance with driven machinery laws.

According to the department, there has been significant changes to the Driven Machinery Regulations in that the National Code of Practice for training providers of lifting machinery operators has been formally incorporated into the new Driven Machinery Regulations.

Goods' Hoists will in future no longer be regulated by Driven Machinery but will be administered by the lifting, Escalators and Passenger Conveyor Regulations.

A total of 11 National standards have been Incorporated into the new Driven Machinery regulations which will ensure that inspection and testing of various lifting machinery is standardized.

Approval of entities responsible for the inspection and testing of lifting machinery has been formalised into the new Driven Machinery Regulations.

The workshop is targeted at employers/owners as well as entities that are tasked with inspection and testing of driven

machinery at various workplaces.

Key stakeholders in the Occupational Health Safety (OHS) Environment, Engineering Sector and from Lifting Equipment Industry, parastatals such as Transnet, Eskom, as well as other regulators such as Railway Safety Regulators including associations involved in the industry are expected to attend the workshop.

Managers responsible for Occupational Health and Safety from different companies have also been invited to attend the workshop.

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