

Important New Requirements for Crane Operators.

The Commissioner with the advice of the Crane Board has reviewed the use of cranes being used with man baskets. Cranes being used with a man basket suspended from a wire rope have always required that an operator certified by the Commissioner be at the controls.

Recently, a number of cranes have been modified by the user to allow the use of a man basket to be mechanically attached to the telescoping boom on hydraulic cranes. After review of the matter the Commissioner has determined that the individual(s) in the man basket are exposed to sufficient risk to require that the crane be operated by an individual certified by the Commissioner. If the equipment in question was manufactured as a crane and is being used in this manner, a certified crane operator is required to be at the controls at all times.