



ALL APPROVED PERSONS

TRUCK MOUNTED MOBILE CRANES

At the dialogue session held in Jan 2003, it was decided that in order to determine the service life of a mobile crane the **date of first use** shall be:

- (a) **For brand new mobile crane *registered* with LTA** – date of registration with LTA of the new crane(-vehicle) combination, or the date of 1st certificate issued by Approved Person for the crane, whichever is earlier
- (b) **For brand new mobile crane *not registered* with LTA** – date of manufacture of the crane from manufacturer's certification, or the date of 1st certificate issued by an Approved Person for the crane, whichever is earlier.
- (c) **For used / reconditioned mobile crane** – date of original manufacture of the crane from the manufacturer's certification

Note: The date is in reference to the crane, and not the vehicle/prime mover/chassis of the truck.

2. It has come to our notice that some owners of mobile cranes have been replacing the prime mover/truck chassis of their cranes. This has resulted in an **old crane**/new chassis combination. Even with a new chassis, such crane is still deemed an old crane and will be treated as such by our department.

3. It has also come to our notice that some Approved Persons have approved such cranes (ie. those referred to in para 2) and used the date of first registration of the new vehicle/prime mover/chassis of the truck with LTA as the date of first use of the crane. This is not acceptable to our department. The date of original manufacture of the crane should be used. We would like to remind Approved Persons to stop such practice.

4. Approved Persons are requested to be vigilant when inspecting such cranes and ascertain the correct date of first use of the mobile cranes as defined above.

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5. With immediate effect, the Department will take action against any Approved Person who continues to register a mobile crane with an incorrect date of first use, or to register crane which has exceeded its service life as defined in our circular OSD/ENG CIR/LE 3/02.

6. If you are aware that you have registered a mobile crane with the incorrect date of first use, please let us know immediately so that the error can be rectified.

Yours faithfully,



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