



ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

REGISTRATION OF EXCAVATORS

We have received several feedback from equipment owners that some occupiers / contractors had insisted that all excavators be registered with MOM before allowing these excavators to be used on site. This may not be necessary.

2. The majority of the excavators used in Singapore have been specifically designed and manufactured to perform excavation work. **These excavators are not lifting machines and shall not be used for lifting operations.**

3. An excavator may be registered by an Approved Person as a lifting machine under the Factories Act if such an excavator fulfills the following criteria:

- i) the excavator has been **originally designed and manufactured** to also function as a lifting machine;
- ii) the excavator shall be equipped with **original** hook(s) with safety catch for hoisting purposes;
- iii) the excavator shall have a load capacity chart furnished by the manufacturer or builder;
- iv) the excavator shall be equipped with an accurate indicator which shows clearly to the operator, the working radius and the corresponding safe working load at all times and gives a warning signal when the radius is unsafe; and
- v) any other applicable requirements as stipulated in the Factories Act and its subsidiary legislations.

Yours faithfully,

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