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FACTORIES AND MACHINERY (BUILDING OPERATIONS AND WORKS OF ENGINEERING
CONSTRUCTION) (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1986
PART I - PRELIMINARY

Regulation 2. Definition.

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-

"approved" means approved by the Chief Inspector in writing;

"bearer" in a tabular scaffold means the cross-wise member carrying the platform planking.

"boatswain's chair" means a seat to support a workman in a sitting position by rope slings attached to a suspension rope.

"contract of service" includes a apprenticeship agreement;

"contractor" means a person who has entered into a contract for the purpose of carrying out any building operations or works of engineering construction and includes a main contractor or sub-contractor;

"contractor's safety supervisor" means a contractor's safety supervisor appointed under regulation 26;

"crawling board" means a single plank or board to which cross strips or cleats are nailed at equal intervals for crawling up and down steep inclines;

"demolition work" means any work incidental to or connected with the total or partial dismantling or razing of a building or a structure other than a building and includes the removing or dismantling of machinery or other equipments;

"designated person" means a competent person appointed by an employer to carry out any supervision or inspection or to perform any tasks or duty prescribed by these Regulations;

"employee" means a person who has entered into a contract of service with an employer;

"employee's hoist" means a powered car operating in guides and used primarily to carry employees in a substantially vertical direction;

"employer" means any person who employs another person under a contract of service;

"excavation" means the removal of earth, rock or other material in connection with construction or demolition work;

"independent scaffold" means a scaffold supported from the base by a double row of uprights,

independent of support from the walls and constructed of uprights, ledgers, horizontal platform bearers, and diagonal bracing;

"ladder jack scaffold" means a scaffold, the platform of which is supported by jacks attached to ladders;

"ledger" means a scaffold member which extends horizontally from post to post, at right angles to the putlogs, supports the putlogs, forms a tie between the posts, and becomes a part of the scaffold bracing;

"main contractor" means a person who has entered into a contract with an owner or lessee of a property or his agent for the purpose of carrying out any building operation or work of engineering construction;

"material hoist" means a power or manually operated suspended platform or bucket operating in guide rails and used for raising or lowering material exclusively and operated and controlled from a point outside the conveyance;

"outrigger scaffold" means a scaffold, the platform of which is supported by outriggers or thrustouts projecting from the wall of the building, the inner end of which is secured inside the building;

"plant" includes any plant or equipment, gear machinery apparatus or appliance, or any part thereof;

"plasterers inside scaffold" means a scaffold constructed for light work inside a building, the platform of which is supported by trestle ladders, or a light pole scaffold;

"posts" in a tubular scaffold means the vertical supporting members;

"Professional Engineer" means a "registered Professional Engineer" as defined by section 2 of the Registration of Engineers Act 1967 [Act 138];

"putlog" or "bearer" means that part of the scaffold upon which the platform rests;

"roofing bracket" means a bracket used in sloped roof construction and having sharp points or other means for fastening to prevent slipping;

"runner" in a tubular scaffold means the lengthwise horizontal member;

"scaffold" means any temporarily provided structure on or from which persons perform work in connection with operations or works to which this Regulation apply, and any temporarily provided structure which enables persons to obtain access to or which enables materials to be taken to any place at which such work is performed, and includes any working platform, gangway, skip, ladder or step-ladder which does not form part of such structure together with any guard-rail, toe-board or other safeguards and all fixing, but does not include a lifting appliance or a lifting machine or a structure used merely to support such an appliance or such a machine as to support other plant or equipment;

"single line scaffold" means a platform resting on putlogs or crossbeams, the outer ends of which

are supported on ledgers
secured to a single row of posts or uprights and the inner ends on a wall or holes in a wall;

"site safety supervisor" means a site safety supervisor appointed under regulation 25;

"sub-contractor" means a person who has entered into a contract with another contractor for the purpose of carrying out any building operations or works of engineering construction,

"suspended scaffold" means a scaffold support from above, the platform of which is supported at more than two points by steel wire cables suspended from overhead outriggers which are anchored to the steel or concrete frame of the building and it may be equipped with a hoisting drum or machine, so that the platform can be raised or lowered.

"swinging scaffold" means a scaffold, the platform of which is supported by stirrups or hangers at not more than two points, suspended from overhead supports in a manner to permit raising or lowering to suit required position;

"toe-board" means a barrier placed along the edge of a scaffold platform, runway, etc., and secured thereto to guard against the falling of materials;

"trestles scaffold" means a scaffold, the platform of which is supported by trestles;

"wales" means a horizontal planks placed in front of the sheet pilings which form part of the supporting structure for the sides of trenches after excavation;

"window jack scaffold" means a scaffold, which platform is supported by jacks which projects through a window openings;

"working platform" includes a working stage.