

EN12999 - Draft for Public Comment

The latest revision to EN12999, the European product design standard for loader cranes, has recently been released as a Draft for Public Comment.

With the standard due for publication in 2020, the draft contains amendments covering a range of areas, including safety systems on remote controls, stability testing, and improved mapping against the Essential Health and Safety Requirements of the Machinery Directive.

ALLMI technical manager, Keith Silvester said: 'We recently offered all members a copy of the new draft and the level of engagement has been extremely positive. The ALLMI Technical Standards Committee will be considering all comments from members prior to providing ALLMI's feedback to BSI. It will also subsequently review feedback received from across Europe in advance of the WG18 (the CEN Working Group responsible for the standard's development) comments resolution meeting in late June, at which an ALLMI delegate will represent the UK's interests.'

"We would encourage all those involved in the industry to review this draft, as it is a great opportunity to comment on, and possibly influence, a standard that directly affects the design of loader cranes throughout the UK and beyond."

For a copy of the Draft Standard, please contact ALLMI.

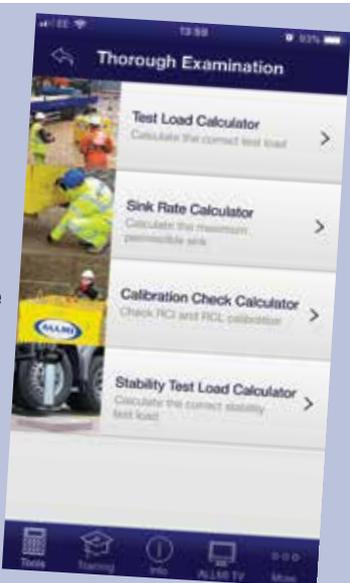


New App tools - final beta testing

ALLMI is undertaking the final beta testing phase for the latest update to its Smartphone App. Developments include tools for Thorough Examiners facilitating overload test, sink rate and stability test load calculations, as well as RCI/RCL calibration. Another Examiner tool covering safety system requirements will form part of a further update in quarter three of this year, in addition to one for operators covering pre-use checks.

Released in September 2017, the ALLMI Smartphone App continues to be an industry hit, with the Association experiencing a large number of downloads. Free of charge and compatible with iOS and Android operating systems, the App contains an array of features that benefit all those involved with lorry loaders, including good practice/safe use videos and documents, training provider/member directories, and a range of calculator tools designed to assist users carrying out various industry roles.

Please visit the Apple and Google Play stores to download the App and look out for further updates on these latest developments.



Course updates 2019

The association's busy start to the year continues, with a raft of updates being made to a range of ALLMI courses.

ALLMI chief executive, Tom Wakefield said: "We are currently updating our material for Instructor, Appointed Person, Crane Supervisor, and Slinger/Signaller courses, with all projects rapidly taking shape. We experienced a significant increase in demand for these training programmes during our last financial year, reflecting the credibility and quality of the ALLMI scheme. However, we never rest on our laurels and always look to further improve course content, taking on board candidate feedback, as well as the needs of an industry which is rapidly evolving."

"In particular, the Appointed Person and Crane Supervisor updates are nearing completion, with certain material in the process of being trialled and feedback being gathered, which is an invaluable part of the development process. We look forward to fully launching these revised courses in the coming months and, as always, would encourage industry stakeholders to contact us, should they have comments or views in this regard."

Look out for updates on course developments in the next issue of ALLMI Focus. For information on ALLMI training, please visit www.allmi.com.



Bangor University affiliation

ALLMI has recently formed links with Bangor University, to facilitate contact between engineering students and the association's member companies.

Speaking of the move, ALLMI chairman, Mark Rigby said: "Bangor University has a long tradition of academic excellence, as well as a first rate engineering school, making it the ideal educational institution for ALLMI to partner with. The lorry loader industry has a huge amount to offer young engineering talent and so we are delighted to forge this relationship, with the aim of playing a key role in creating internship and post-graduate employment opportunities to the benefit of all concerned. We look forward to bringing further news as this initiative progresses, and would be pleased to hear from industry representatives requiring further information, as well as colleges and universities looking to develop similar affiliations."



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