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## REPORT

for the period 1 June 2019 to 1 September 2020, made by the **Government of Finland**, in accordance with Article 22 of the Constitution of the International Labour Organization, on the measures taken to give effect to the provisions of the

### **Occupational Safety and Health (Dock Work) Convention, 1979, No. 152.**

ratification of which was registered on 3 July 1981.

## I LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

### *Government Decree on amending the Government Decree on the Safe Use and Inspection of Work Equipment (1095/2019)*

Certain sections of the Government Decree and the annex to the Decree have been amended and the amendments entered into force on 1 March 2020. In section 14, the competence requirements of drivers of tower cranes have been amended so that completion of a vocational diploma or an applicable part thereof is required of drivers of tower cranes having a loading moment in excess of 25 tonne-meters. A new section, 14a, has been added to the Decree to lay down provisions on duties for which a written permit from the employer is required. In keeping with earlier regulation, the permit is required to drive a fork-lift truck and a device for lifting persons. New duties requiring a written permit from the employer are attaching a load to a crane intended for installation purposes and driving a tower crane having a loading moment of no more than 25 tonne-metres. Before giving a permit for a task mentioned in section 14a, the employer must ensure that the employee has sufficient ability and skills to safely perform the task. In departure from other tasks, giving a permit to drive a tower crane having a loading moment of no more than 25 tonne-metres requires the employer to have ensured that the employee has received the kind of training, based on which the employee has sufficient ability and skills to safely use the equipment.

Section 15 of the Decree additionally lays down provisions on safety requirements for mobile work equipment. The wording of the section has been clarified to state that mobile work equipment must be such that the risks to employees are minimised when the equipment is moving. The obligation under section 15, subsection 2, paragraph 4 to use accessories to improve visibility with mobile equipment has been specified by adding to the said paragraph a mention of camera accessories. In addition, technical amendments have been made to sections 15, 33, 35 and 37 of the Decree. The annex referred to in section 32 of the Decree itemises, by equipment group, the work equipment subject to the initial and periodic inspections under chapter 5 of the Decree. The annex has been amended so as to dispense with the inspections of loading cranes attached to forestry tractors intended for forestry work. Truck-mounted concrete pumps, service lifts at wind turbines, and the vertical lift modules of automated storage and retrieval systems in which a person travels in the module have been added to the list of equipment subject to inspection.

The Government Decree on amending the Government Decree on the Safe Use and Inspection of Work Equipment is available on Finlex at <https://www.finlex.fi/fi/laki/alkup/2019/20191095> (in Finnish only).

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Nothing to report.

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**A copy of this report has been sent to the following labour market organisations:**

1. The Confederation of Finnish Industries (EK)
2. The Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions (SAK)
3. The Finnish Confederation of Professionals (STTK)
4. The Confederation of Unions for Professional and Managerial Staff in Finland (Akava)
5. Local Government Employers (KT)
6. The Office for the Government as Employer (VTML)
7. The Federation of Finnish Enterprises

**Statements of the labour market organisations:**

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