

Airport Advice Notice

CRANE OPERATIONS NEAR AERODROMES

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It is the responsibility of all employers to ensure that relevant Airport Notices are brought to the attention of their staff. However individuals remain responsible for their own actions and those who are in any doubt should consult their supervisor or manager.

This note is prepared by the Civil Aviation Authority, Safety Regulation Group to assist those responsible for crane operations near aerodromes to meet their obligations according to BS 7121 and the Air Navigation Order.

British Standard 7121 'Code of Practice for Safe Use of Cranes', Part 1, 1989, para 9.3.3 Crane control in the vicinity of aerodromes.....'*requires crane operator(s) to consult with aerodromes for permission to work if a crane is to be used within 6 km of the aerodrome and it's height exceeds 10 metres or that of surrounding structures or trees....'*

and

Article 55 of the Air Navigation Order makes it '*... an offence for a person to act recklessly or negligently in a manner likely to endanger aircraft....'*

Should you intend to use a crane which exceeds 10 metres in height or the height of the surrounding structures or trees (whichever is the higher) within six kilometres of an aerodrome you should notify the aerodrome in the following manner:

A written request should be sent to the Airport Operations Manager with the following details:-

1. A Map Showing The Intended Location Of The Crane
2. The National Grid Reference Of The Site
3. The Maximum Height Of The Crane And Span Of Its Jib During The Operation
4. The Date(S) On Which The Crane Will Operate
5. The Earliest And Latest Times Of Operation
6. Name, Address And Telephone Number Of The Company Responsible
7. Site Manager's Name And Contact Number

Requests should be submitted as early as possible to allow sufficient time for them to be considered by the aerodrome management. You will then be informed what arrangements, if any, you will be required to make to comply with the Air Navigation Order in order to ensure air safety.

All requests should be made in writing to; Airport Operations Manager,
Shoreham Airport,
Shoreham-by-Sea,
West Sussex
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