

## Lifting Terminology: Appropriate Marking on Diving Equipment

IMCA's Lifting and Rigging Committee received and reviewed comments regarding the terminology used in IMCA's Diving Documents and on diving equipment that is being lifted.

The Committee noted that IMCA D018 *Code of Practice for the Initial and Periodic Examination, Testing and Certification of Diving Plant and Equipment* and IMCA's DESIGN suite of documents should be reviewed and updated to reflect current lifting terminology.

There is a difference between **mechanical lifting equipment** and **lifted equipment** (i.e. which is below the hook) that will be addressed in revisions to IMCA's diving documents. The terms involved are:

- NET weight;
- TARE weight; and
- GROSS weight.

For example, the current revision of IMCA D018 *Code of Practice for the Initial and Periodic Examination, Testing and Certification of Diving Plant and Equipment*, Detail Sheet 3, states:

### Examination/Test

In accordance with manufacturer's specification and fit for the purpose it will be used for. For any system manufactured after 1 January 2014, documentation should be available showing clearly the designed SWL.

This will be amended as follows to reflect that the examination/test should focus on the lifted equipment's GROSS weight, i.e. the TARE weight (empty weight of the lifted equipment) plus the NET weight (maximum load the lifted equipment is designed to carry):

### Examination/Test

In accordance with the manufacturer's specification and fit for the purpose, it will be used. For any system manufactured after 1 January 2014, documentation should be available clearly showing the designed Maximum GROSS Weight of the Man-Riding Basket/Bell, i.e. TARE weight plus the maximum load it is designed to carry (NET weight).

### Example

- Man riding basket empty weight = TARE weight
- Man-riding basket maximum carrying capacity, which includes the weight of diver(s) and equipment = NET weight (for the purpose of this calculation the weight of a fully kitted diver is considered to be 150 kg)
- GROSS weight = TARE weight + NET weight

All lifting points on the man riding basket should to be tested to 1.25 times the GROSS weight.

Updates to the documents have commenced and a further Information Note will be released upon completion.

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