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Part 5: Lifting and motion operations in the event industry

National foreword

This British Standard is the UK implementation of EN 17795-5:2023.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted to Technical Committee MHE/3/13, Lifting equipment for performance, broadcast and similar applications.

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This standard relates in part to lifting and motion operations involving machinery covered by BS EN 17206:2020. The publication of BS EN 17206:2020, which is a design, manufacture and installation specification, led to the withdrawal of an existing code of practice covering lifting and motion operations, BS 7906-1:2005, due to partial overlaps and conflict in content.

BS EN 17206:2020 relates to safety requirements and inspections of machinery used on stages and other production areas, but it is not a code of practice and did not replace the code of practice elements of BS 7906-1:2005. Whilst this new code of practice BS EN 17795-5:2023 covers in part the scope of the withdrawn BS 7906-1:2005, there are some elements of BS 7906-1:2005 that may still have value, particularly where it goes into a greater degree of detail than the new standard.

BS EN 17795-5:2023 includes reference to a work flow structure (Clause 5) and roles and responsibilities (“work roles” throughout the normative text, and described at Annex I (informative)), which might not be reflective of established practice and references in all cases in the UK, due to long established custom and practice and development of industry-specific organizational models. Whilst a model framework might prove useful to those with no existing arrangements in place, established organizational structures and work flow processes could also be effective.

Lifting and motion operations in the UK are covered by the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 which require such operations to be properly planned by a competent person, appropriately supervised and carried out in a safe manner. Users should continue to take an approach to lifting operations, in accordance with national regulations, which is the most appropriate to their specific lifting and motion design.

As a code of practice, this BS EN takes the form of guidance and recommendations. It should not be quoted as if it were a specification, and particular care should be taken to ensure claims of compliance are not misleading. Employers should be free to commission work in any way that ensures the safety of the lifting and motions operation.

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