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REMINDER: Certification/Recertification of All Workers Assigned To Operate Powered Industrial Trucks

For the record, the ILA-USMX Joint Safety Committee (JSC) wants to once again remind all waterfront employers and employees that OSHA regulations applicable to the marine cargo handling industry require the initial certification and recertification [every three years thereafter] of any worker who is assigned to operate any industrial truck; for any reason.

For those interested in reviewing the regulation, it can be found at 29 CFR 1910.178 paragraph (l); we provide a link to that section of the Code of Federal Regulations here: https://www.osha.gov/laws-reggs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.178

All Employers, Local Labor Unions and Workers should be mindful of these OSHA requirements. In the event of a powered industrial truck accident brought to their attention, one of the first questions the agency will ask is: “Was the operator certified, and if so may I see a record of that certification?”

Should any questions arise about any aspect of these OSHA requirements, the JSC stands ready to assist all ILA and USMX Members and Local Labor Unions.

Got an OSH-related question? Write to the JSC at: blueoceana@optonline.net

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