

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

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THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT, 2006

PERIODICAL EXAMINATION OF PRESSURE VESSELS AND LIFTING EQUIPMENT

- 1 The following plant is required to be thoroughly examined by an authorised person atleast once in every period shown.

<b>PLANT:</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>
<b>LIFTS OR HOISTS</b> A lift or hoist (which may be used for passengers or goods or both) is a lifting machine with a platform or cage, the direction of movement of which is restricted by guides.	<b>-6 Months</b>
<b>LIFTING APPLIANCES HAVING A SAFE WORKING LOAD OF MORE THAN 336 POUNDS</b> Lifting appliances include pulley blocks, gin wheels and chain blocks	<b>-14 Months</b>
<b>LIFTING MACHINES</b> These include cranes, crabs, winches, teagles, runways and transporters	<b>-14 Months</b>
<b>STEAM BOILERS</b> As well as the usual boilers, these include any closed vessel in which the steam is generated such as bakers, steam tube ovens, fired disinfectors, and fired sterilisers.	<b>-14 Months</b>
<b>STEAM RECEIVERS</b> These are vessels which contain steam under pressure (other staem boilers) and include such items as oil expeller kettles, jacketed sugar or foodboiling pans, steam-heated moulds and so forth.	<b>-26 Months</b>
<b>AIR RECEIVERS</b> These are tanks or vessels which are connected to air compressors and which contain air under pressure.	<b>-26 Months</b>

- 2 A workplace occupier, or a steam plant user any where, is liable to presecution under the Occupational Safety and Health Act if he/she fails to have such plantexamined within the statutory period unless hhe has carried out the procedure described on OSH Form F. 39A (See at the back).

- 3 When the examination of an item of plant has been completed, a signed report of the examination on the appropriate form must be kept available for inspection at the premises where the plant is used.

**NOTE:** New Steam Boilers, Steam Receivers, and Air Receivers must be certified by an authorised person before being taken into use; if previously used they must be examined by an authorised person before being taken into use for the first time in the workklace

**PROCEDURE IN CASES WHEN PLANT BECOMES OVERDUE FOR EXAMINATION**

It may happen that the user of pressure vessels or lifting equipment is not able to obtain the services of an authorised person to examine his/her plant within the statutory period. In such a case, the procedure set out in Section 111 of the Occupational safety and Health Act should be used and this is explained below. Once this has been done, the workplace occupier or plant user is not liable to be prosecuted for failure to have the plant examined within the required period.

It should be understood that, once the Commissioner has notified the occupier of an authorised person who is willing to carry out the overdue examination, then the examination must be carried out within 30 days of that notice or that liability to be prosecuted for failing to have the plant examined is revived.

When it has proved impracticable to have an item of plant examined within the required period, then the workplace occupier or plant user should at once and using the quickest means possible send to the Commissioner, P.O.Box 227, Kampala, a notice of the circumstances, giving the particulars of the machinery or plant concerned and the date of the examination carried out as required by the Occupational safety and Health Act.