Changes Made by Local Law 80 of 2017 to Impact NYC Class B Hoisting Machine Operator Licenses

To operate a crane with a boom configuration that exceeds 300 feet in length, including all attachments, beginning November 10, 2017, Class B licensed Hoisting Machine Operators (HMO) will need to have been issued a ‘rating’ by the Department of Buildings prior to operating the machine on site.

Ratings will be issued on the basis of manufacturer and carrier type (crawler vs. wheel mounted). Once a rating is issued, Class B licensed HMOs will be authorized to operate any make and model of crane of the same carrier type produced by the manufacturer. No additional card will be issued by the Department; however, the rating will be posted on the Buildings Information System (BIS).

Ratings have been established for manufacturers who have received one or more New York City prototype approval for a carrier type with a boom configuration in excess of 300 feet:

- American Crawler Cranes
- Demag Crawler Cranes
- Demag Wheel Mounted Cranes
- FMC Corp Wheel Mounted Cranes
- Grove Wheel Mounted Cranes
- Kobelco Crawler Cranes
- Liebherr Crawler Cranes
- Liebherr Wheel Mounted Cranes
- Link-belt Crawler Cranes
- Link-belt Wheel Mounted Cranes
- Manitowoc Crawler Cranes
- Manitowoc Wheel Mounted Cranes
- Tadano Wheel Mounted Cranes
- Terex Crawler Cranes
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Experience obtained by operating a make and model of crane that falls into one of the above listed ratings, on or before November 9, 2017, will qualify Class B licensed HMOs to earn the appropriate rating. To credit experience to obtain one or more ratings, the Department will be mailing all Class B licensed HMOs a Crane Ratings form that must be completed and submitted to the Department’s Licensing & Exams Unit at HMORatings@buildings.nyc.gov. Please indicate HMO Ratings in the subject line.

NOTE: Please allow 60 days for the processing of your submission.

To acquire new ratings after November 9, 2017, Class B licensed HMOs must complete additional training or satisfy other requirements. These requirements will be detailed at a later date.