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# New Rental Terms and Conditions set best practice in equipment hire

Contractors and end-users of powered access equipment can look forward to revised Terms & Conditions of Hire that improve service levels and harmonise with international best practice.

IPAF has released a new set of Terms & Conditions of Hire for the powered access industry, available in versions for England and Wales, Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

"IPAF confirms that these Terms & Conditions meet the recommendations and guidance notes set out by the European Rental Association in its Rental Checklist and Framework for General Rental Conditions," says Giles Council, IPAF audit programme manager. IPAF contributed to the drafting of these documents as an ERA member.

The Terms & Conditions are available free of charge to IPAF members for their exclusive use. They have been thoroughly checked by contract lawyers for validity in the areas specified. The accompanying Guidance Notes provide further detail on interpretation and use. E-mail: [info@ipaf.org](mailto:info@ipaf.org)

## Self-certification allowed

The self-certification of mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs) by manufacturers is now permitted in the UK, under the Supply of Machinery (Safety) Regulations 2008, which came into force on 29th December 2009, implementing the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC.

Under Article 11(2)a of the regulations, Annex IV manufacturers will be allowed to self-certify their own machinery, provided that they manufacture to a harmonised European standard and provided that the standard in question covers all the relevant hazards associated with that machinery. For MEWPs, EN 280 (as revised by Amendments 1 and 2) is the relevant standard until the new revision is published.

Rental companies and end-users are not directly affected by these regulations. The approval of aerial lifts by a notified body along with the provision of a Declaration of Conformity will continue to be a route to CE marking.



## IPAF looks forward to new premises in Cumbria

After lengthy negotiations, IPAF has exchanged contracts on a new property at Moss End in Cumbria. The builders expect the project to be completed in mid-January, with the move into the new purpose-built premises shortly afterwards.

IPAF has been looking for the right property for a long time and this building is an investment for the federation that allows room for expansion and infrastructure improvements, such as a high-speed Internet connection, to better serve IPAF's growing membership.

Watch for details of the move and the new address at [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org)



## MEWP's rise to the Olympic challenge

The IPAF Powered Access Review 2010 is now available.

The federation's annual journal features articles on how powered access is delivering a safe construction programme for the Olympic Games 2012 in London and includes useful directories. It can be viewed online at the publications section of [www.ipaf.org](http://www.ipaf.org).

Free copies can be obtained by e-mailing [info@ipaf.org](mailto:info@ipaf.org)

The Grange St. Paul's Hotel welcomes IPAF Summit and IAPA delegates to the heart of London City

## London beckons: Register now for the IPAF Summit and International Awards for Powered Access

The IPAF Summit and International Awards for Powered Access (IAPAs) will be held in the heart of London's historic City district, at the Grange St. Paul's Hotel, on 25th March 2010. The IPAF Summit conference is free and open to all upon registration. There will also be a networking event on the evening of 24 March. IAPA dinner tickets can now be purchased at £110 for a

single ticket (£79 for IPAF members) or £990 for a table of 10 with one seat free (£711 for IPAF members). All bookings should be made online at [www.ipaf.org/events](http://www.ipaf.org/events)

Those needing accommodation should book hotel rooms early to benefit from special rates. Full details on the venue and getting there are at [www.ipaf.org/iapa](http://www.ipaf.org/iapa)

## Regional meeting in the South East

IPAF is holding its first South East regional meeting on 27th January 2010 at 18:00 at the Hilton London Stansted Airport Hotel, Round Coppice Road, Stansted Airport, Essex CM24 1SF. This meeting will be organised by Alistair Jordan and Chris Buisseret of Rapid Platforms. IPAF managing director Tim Whiteman, will deliver a short presentation. If you are in

the South East, do take this unique opportunity to network with other IPAF members, as well as non-members, in a relaxed and informal setting. The South East event builds on a successful series of regional meetings in the North West and in the Midlands. There is a nominal charge for the buffet provided. Register in advance at [www.ipaf.org/events](http://www.ipaf.org/events)

## Bravi wins award

IPAF member Bravi UK, based in Leeds, Yorkshire, has been awarded the Company of the Year award by *Business and Industry Today* for excellent customer service, innovative products and the rapid expansion and developments made within the business.



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