



Construction Equipment Association

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Technical Committee

Deep dives into UK & global technical & regulatory updates that impact the construction equipment industry.

4
times a year

102
members

10+
consultations

Key topics

UK

- CE/UKCA marking
- Market surveillance
- Designated standards
- Equipment Theft (Prevention) Act
- Decarbonisation.

EU

- Machinery Regulation
- Road circulation
- Outdoor Noise Directive
- Radio Equipment Directive
- Batteries Regulation
- Cyber resilience
- RoHS, REACH & F-gas regulations
- Data Act.

What can I do?

- 1** Advocate for EU/UK technical regulatory alignment.
- 2** Support a technology neutral position to meet decarbonisation targets.
- 3** Continue to promote manufacturing and engineering as attractive careers.
- 4** Advocate the STEM agenda in schools to attract and retain top talent.
- 5** Lobby for the continuation of all planned and ongoing major infrastructure projects.

Industry facts

UK

Government yet to declare adoption of new/revised EU regulations into UK law. We will continue to advocate for EU/UK technical regulatory alignment. We work with BSI/DBT to ensure timely alignment of designated standards and EU harmonised standards. For specific UK laws, we will strive to ensure fair, proportionate and practicable regulations.

EU

Regulations covering machinery, batteries, AI, cyber resilience and data soon come into effect. Through CECE, we are developing guidance to help manufacturers understand new compliance requirements. For machinery, we advocate for Machinery Directive harmonised standards to be carried over to the new Regulation.

Global

We will continue to collaborate with global association partners to advocate for harmonisation of policy on areas of common interest including decarbonisation and chemical legislation including PFAS restrictions.



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UK Equipment & Machinery Industry Forum

A group of trade associations to form common positions on UK legislative matters and liaise with UK Government to advocate for members.

3
times a year

17
members

10+
consultations

Key topics

- CE/UKCA Marking
- Equipment Theft (Prevention) Act
- Market Surveillance & Standards
- UK policy on possible implementation of new/ revised EU regulations e.g. EU Machinery Regulation.

Industry facts

The UKEMIF has been instrumental in liaising with the Department for Business & Trade regarding the indefinite extension of the CE mark for machinery placed on the GB market and expressing the views and challenges that our members have been experiencing.

Through CEA's leadership, the UKEMIF advocates for the industry's position on future regulatory policy, especially regarding continued EU/UK alignment on technical regulations.

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The trade association representing the UK construction equipment industry since 1942. Recognised by the UK Government as the **voice** of the UK construction equipment industry.

150+
members, partners
& stakeholders

- OEMs
- Distributors
- Components & accessories manufacturers & suppliers
- Attachments manufacturers & suppliers
- Service providers
- Other companies that provide services to the UK construction equipment sector.

Influence

- Represented in Brussels as active members of the Committee for European Construction Equipment.
- Host of the UK Equipment & Machinery Industry Forum - a group of 17 trade associations to form common positions on UK legislative matters and liaise with UK Government to advocate for members.
- Established relationships with Trade Directors at British Embassies and High Commissions in most construction equipment markets.

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UK Construction Equipment Sector

Total revenue >£15 billion 2022
>£13 billion 2018

GVA >£2.5 billion 2022
>£2.3 billion 2018

Total employment >44,000

Export share of production >80%

Investment in R&D >£250 million PA

Number of companies >1,500

UK machine production >54,000 units 2023

World ranking (machine production) 6th Global
2nd Europe



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Construction & Agricultural Equipment Security & Registration Scheme

The CESAR Scheme, owned by the CEA, was established in 2008 as a result of collaboration with the police to combat the issue of theft of plant and agricultural machinery. Now CESAR has become the 'default' security system fitted by the majority of CEA manufacturer member companies.

625,000+
registered machines

32
arrests Q1 2024

127
recoveries Q1 2024

£1.7 m
total value
recovered in Q1

The success of the Scheme has enabled the CEA to generate a revenue stream that is re-invested to support national rural policing through the National Construction and Agricultural Theft Team (NCATT).

This investment is matched by other sector trade associations and sector-specific insurers, who all donate significant funds to support the work of NCATT.

The adoption of forensic marking as an industry standard also stimulated an interest in machine security from the industry. In the years since the launch of CESAR, most manufacturers have heavily invested in a range of additional security measures, including: keypad entry, immobilisation, live tracking and telematics.

The success of the CESAR Scheme has demonstrated how a collaborative industry approach to the challenges of theft and fraud from organised crime groups can be successfully challenged and mitigated. Self-evidently, an industry driven solution to an industry specific challenge removed the burdensome legislative approach.





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Equipment Theft (Prevention) Act

An Act to make provision to prevent the theft and re-sale of equipment and tools used by tradespeople and agricultural and other businesses.

CEA's position

- Immobilisers are generally already available as an option to purchasers of construction equipment. The CEA prefers market forces be allowed to prevail and purchasers be free to choose whether to have an immobiliser fitted, as opposed to the Government imposing their installation regardless of customer preference.
- The definition of the type of machinery the legislation applies to is extremely vague. It does not reflect the range of applications that construction equipment is involved with and could result in many machines being unintentionally drawn into its scope.
- The technical requirements for the immobiliser are overly prescriptive and will stifle innovation. Legislation should be technology neutral.
- The Act would only be applicable in England and Wales. Machines sold here will likely have a higher price than those sold in Scotland and Northern Ireland. This could distort the market, with purchasers that don't wish to have immobilisers installed buying in Scotland or Northern Ireland to avoid the on-cost.

What can I do?

- 1** Advocate for the free market forces and customer choice on immobilisation options.
- 2** Advocate for a specific definition of the machinery in scope.
- 3** Advocate for technology-neutral legislation.
- 4** Support standardisation across UK & Devolved Governments.