

# CECE denounces use of non-compliant equipment

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The Committee for European Construction Equipment (CECE) claims that too much equipment used in the building and public works sector are not compliant with EU rules, “more than one year after Regulation 765/2008/EC came into force”.

According to a survey conducted among equipment manufacturers, distributors and leasing firms, one in two firms has already seen illegal equipment on work sites and 52% of the respon-

dents see this problem as a source of concern affecting their business. One company out of three says it is losing sales because customers prefer to buy non-compliant equipment instead of their products.

“On the one hand, politicians and legislators continuously draft new severe rules for safety and health requirements, and on the other nobody seems to care whether machines sold in the EU really comply with these rules. Member states focus only on consumer goods, where the possible effects of non-compliance

can be dangerous for citizens’ health,” stated the organisation, on 23 May, two weeks after publication of the European Commission’s annual report on the EU’s early warning system for hazardous goods (RAPEX).

Regulation 765/2008/EC establishes requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products in order to guarantee that they meet criteria ensuring a high level of protection of public interests, such as health and safety in general. It has been in force since 1 January 2010. ■