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Requirements for use of Digger Derricks

Digger derrick (auger, pole truck) meeting the definition of a crane as stated in the CGS Sec. 29-221 (Definitions (3) “crane” means power-operated equipment that can hoist, lower and horizontally move a suspended load, and which has a manufacturer’s maximum rated hoisting or lifting capacity exceeding two thousand pounds (2000lbs)), are not exempt from the licensing and annual crane certification requirements.

The use of digger derricks on Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) construction projects shall adhere to the letter of interpretation from the State of Connecticut office of the Fire Marshal (Department of Administrative Services) dated February 5, 2019.

The letters of interpretation regarding crane and derricks exclusions to Chapter 539 requirements are located at these links:

[DAS Letter of Interpretation Regarding Digger Derricks](#)

[CTDOT Safety Letter of Interpretation and Examples](#)

All Department construction projects shall be guided accordingly.