

## **ESTA welcomes engine emissions agreement for mobile cranes**

News that the European Parliament has agreed an extension to the timetable for introducing the new Stage V engine emissions regulations has been strongly welcomed by ESTA.

“It comes as a huge relief and show what can be achieved by concerted and effective action and lobbying,” said Søren Jansen, director of ESTA, the European association for abnormal road transport and mobile cranes.

“Many feared that the Commission’s original plans would have meant the industry cutting capacity by two-thirds while they adjusted to the new regulations.

“This would have caused great uncertainty and upheaval in the crane market for rental companies and manufacturers alike.”

The European Commission has said that new regulations for engines in non-road mobile machinery will become mandatory on January 1, 2019.

Under the Commission’s original proposals, all OEMs were given a 12 month transition period after the regulations had come into force to adapt their machines to Stage V engines, plus a 6 month “sell-off” period.

Now, all manufacturers have been granted an 18 month transition period, with mobile crane manufacturers a further 12 months on top of that. The additional 6 month “sell-off” period remains unchanged for all types of products.

The new timetable still has to be finally agreed by the Council of Ministers, but Brussels sources expect the changes to be ratified.

The agreement follows concerted lobbying from all sides of the mobile crane industry, led by the FEM’s Cranes and Lifting Equipment Product Group with the support of ESTA, the European association for abnormal road transport and mobile cranes.

The new regulation tighten emission limits for particulate matter (PM) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) for mobile machines such as farm, construction and material handling machinery as well as machines used for municipal and road operation services.

Olivier Janin, Secretary General of FEM, said: “We are extremely satisfied to see that the special needs of mobile cranes were taken into account. The extra time granted will enable manufacturers to re-design their 170 different models without hampering their competitiveness and with a marginal environmental impact.”