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Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the first August edition of our newsletter. What we aim to do is to provide information which is of use to you and to let you know the activities in which we have been involved. We also aim to let you know of any incidents that have occurred in, and legislation that is related to, the areas in which we work. We realise that, with the broad spectrum of our activities, some may not be relevant to you but we hope you find the rest useful.

Whilst the intention of this newsletter is to be useful, we realise that most people are plagued by spam and should you wish to prevent future issues being sent to you, unsubscribe using the link at the bottom of the page.

Regards,

Philip Chambers
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Beware FSC and PEFC

We've had a couple of instances where obscure parts of FSC and PEFC have bitten companies.

Company A.

This company mixed FSC and PEFC papers. There is nothing that stops you doing this and making a claim so long as you have one of the papers greater than 70% of the product (by weight.) However, it is only practical if you have predominantly PEFC. Were you to have predominantly FSC paper and make an FSC claim, then the rigmarole you have to go through makes it not worth it. See [blog on mixing FSC and PEFC papers](#).

Company B.

As part of its range, this company supplies promotional goods. In the middle of the source code for a web page, it states that promotional pencils were FSC certified. The Google algorithm picked this up so that when the FSC auditor typed in "Company B FSC" it came up with a statement that these pencils were FSC certified, even though this was not visible on the web page. The lesson is that you must make sure that everyone, including web page designers, clear the use of the word FSC or logos with you.

Company C.

This hasn't bitten this Swindon company yet, but it will do. Their web page uses the wrong logo. Instead of using the promotional logo, they have used the logo that actually goes on the product. We have advised them. The lesson for Company B applies here.

Finally, extra "advice" clauses have been added to [FSC-DIR-40-004 FSC Directive on Chain of Custody Certification](#). (Don't confuse this with FSC-STD-40-004, which is the standard.) These clauses are 40-004-008 to 40-004-011 and include 40-004-008 which covers what to do with non-conforming product. Even though it states that "small COC enterprises are not required to have this

procedure in writing", there have been instances where an FSC auditor has required it for a small company. We will be updating the non-conformance system for all our on-going FSC clients.

[See more about FSC/PEFC support from SSS.](#)

ISO 14001 the most popular ISO standard for certification

ISO 14001 is the standard which showed the greatest number of certifications. This is true both worldwide and in the UK. For 2011, which is the latest year for which data is available, there were 15,230 ISO 14001 certifications in the UK, representing a growth of over 500% over a 10 year period.

SSS have provided ISO 14001 systems for over 40 companies and we make it pain free.

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Additional major injury in RIDDOR

In RIDDOR 2013, due to come into force in October there will be an additional category of reportable major injury. This is:

Any burn injury (including scalding) which:

1. Covers more than 10% of the whole body's total surface area; or
2. Causes significant damage to the eyes, respiratory system or other vital organs

With RIDDOR '95, burn injuries to employees would only be reportable in some specific circumstances, e.g., involving a hospital stay over 24 hours, certain electrical burns, and where the injury incapacitated the employee for seven or more days.

We will keep you informed of the full revised version of RIDDOR when it becomes available.

Incidents and court cases

Overridden interlock on CNC machine almost costs machinist his finger

An interlock on a machine tool allowed the cutter to still be rotating when the operator opened the door to clear swarf. Was condoned and known about for 2 years and was left unfixed after the accident.

[See details](#)

2 separate accidents on the same machine

A company was fined £28,984 following 2 accidents occurred on a machine used to mould rubber as part of the production of ignition cables for the automotive industry. The machine was poorly maintained and safety features were missing or inadequate.

[See details](#)

Don't write risk assessments after the job is complete

Hot-oil burns occurred whilst jet washing a large oil storage tank when a guage was knocked off, releasing 160°C oil over him. The company had failed to carry out a risk assessment for the cleaning operation, and instead decided to do the work first and write it retrospectively.

[See details](#)

Daily updates

Don't forget, there's lots of useful information that is highlighted typically daily on the SSS Twitter and Blog sites.

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I hope you have found this information of interest. If you have any suggestions of other information you would like to see, please [contact me](#)

Regards,

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