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## Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the second 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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## ISO 14001 standard due to change

ISO 14001 is scheduled to change in 2015. The full details are due for publication in the New Year, but they are likely to require more commitment from management and to place more emphasis on the environmental performance of upstream activities, ie what your suppliers do.

It is therefore reasonable to assume that there will be increasing pressure from customers for their suppliers to be ISO 14001 certified.

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

So, you want 14001?

## Use of e-cigarettes in the workplace

Some clients have asked whether or not e-cigarettes should be allowed in the workplace. There is no definite position on this, but the advice from the BMA and ACAS is that they should be excluded in the same way as conventional cigarettes. ASH believe otherwise.

[See summaries of information from BMA, ACAS, etc.](#)

## Obligations on machinery importers

It is alarming how many companies are unaware of their obligations with respect to new machinery.

This picture shows a foiler bought by a printing company from a supplier outside the EU. There is an obligation on whoever introduces the machine for first time use within the EU to "CE mark" it. In the absence of this having been done by the supplier, the printing company is obliged to do it.

This is in addition to their obligations under PUWER and is far more onerous.

The lessons from this are to ensure that all purchase contracts state that the supplier must CE mark it to your satisfaction.

SSS provide CE marking support. Whilst we always try to work with machinery suppliers, we can provide this support to purchasers if they find themselves in the about situation.



See about SSS CE support for companies

See what CE Marking is all about

## OHSAS 18001 system changes

Because of a couple of changes to regulations, we will be making changes to the following systems. Companies where we have an on-going support relationship for 18001 will not be charged.

### 5.5.9 prA First Aid

This will change to remove the "approved by HSE" requirement due to the change in the First Aid Regulations 2013

### 6.3 prD RIDDOR

This will change due to the change in the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations. This will cover the simplification in the 2013 regs., in the areas of diseases and dangerous occurrences.

## Incidents and court cases

### **Even large companies make health and safety mistakes**

Rolls Royce has been fined after an employee developed permanent injuries due to hand-arm vibration. They did not properly assess the vibration risks faced by workers using the wet blasting cabinets and there were no suitable control measures.

[See details](#)

### **Machinery supplier fined following accident on new machine**

A machinery manufacturer was fined for inadequate guarding on a new machine, following an accident. The equipment had moving parts including heated jaws and a knife mechanism and there were gaps in guards large enough to allow access to these.

[See details](#)

### **Pirelli fined £24,000 after worker breaks arm during maintenance operation**

Pirelli were fined for lack of suitable maintenance provisions on a tyre testing machine after a maintenance worker sustained breaks in 3 places on his arm whilst trying to fix a fault. The fault had occurred several times in the past.

[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](#)

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