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Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter	
<p>Dear Philip,</p> <p>Welcome to the December 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Philip Chambers Strategic Safety Systems Ltd.</p>	<p>IN THIS ISSUE</p> <p>PEFC STANDARD TO CHANGE IN 2013</p> <p>GOODBYE TO SOME H&S REGULATIONS</p> <p>HAPPY CHRISTMAS</p> <p>QUICK LINKS</p> <p>Our website More about INTACT Health, safety, environmental support</p>

PEFC standard to change in 2013

The PEFC standard (presently PEFC ST 2002-2010) will change in early 2013. The main changes are:

- A requirement to control health and safety (PEFC are catching up with FSC on this and those with FSC certification will have met this already)
- A considerable change to how timber from controversial sources is managed.

This last change requires companies to exercise due diligence with respect to where the raw material has come from. Most people reading this newsletter will be lower down the chain, buying paper and similar substrates from paper merchants. I would suggest doing the following:

1. Add a line to your FSC/PEFC policy stating that material originating from controversial sources is avoided.
2. Be prepared for your auditor to ask you to gain confirmation from your supplier that controversial sources are avoided. (One can never predict the requirements of FSC/PEFC auditors.)
3. Be aware that most clause numbers have been incremented. For those of you with PEFC systems written by SSS, this will not affect you as references do not state the actual clause number. However, those of you with systems from other sources will need to check this.

For those of you with a burning desire to read the changes, [this link](#) provides a pdf version of the new standard where all the changes are highlighted.

Goodbye to some health & safety regulations

In January 2012, the Prime Minister pledged to cut back the "monster" he says it has become, free business from the "stranglehold" of red tape it creates, and reduce the "pointless time-wasting" it causes for the economy. So I'm sure that you all will be relieved that the following regulations

have been scrapped during 2012:

- The Anthrax Prevention Order 1971 etc (Revocation) Regulations 2005;
- The Employment Medical Advisory Service (Factories Act Orders etc Amendment) Order 1973;
- The Health and Safety (Foundries etc) (Metrication) Regulations 1981;
- Non-ferrous Metals (Melting and Founding) Regulations 1962;
- Pottery (Health and Welfare) Special Regulations 1950
- Pottery (Health etc) (Metrication) Regulations 1982
- Regulations for use of locomotives and wagons on lines and sidings in or used in connection with premises under the Factory and Workshop Act 1901 (1906) (1906 No.679)

Sorry guys, but not much else has changed, apart from a sensible change to RIDDOR

Happy Christmas

To all of those that we have either worked with, or have had contact with, we wish you a happy Christmas and New Year and a prosperous 2013. We look forward to seeing some of you in 2013.

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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