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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the second July 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.

Regards,

Philip Chambers
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SSS provide support on SEDEX

In addition to all the other support that SSS provide to enable companies to gain a better market position and to improve their operations, such as certification to ISO 9001, ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, FSC and CHAS, SSS have recently provided support for one client who is now a member of SEDEX.

SEDEX is the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange and our clients are finding that it is becoming an increasing requirement with their major clients, in this case, Tesco. Note that, unlike ISO 9001, etc., it is not a certification process and there is no pass or fail, but there is a grading.

SEDEX requires essentially a 2-stage operation:

- Registration and then self-assessment of HR, H&S, business ethics and environment
- Assessment by an external auditor.

SSS provided data entry for most of these and will provide support at the external assessment.

[See SSS support on SEDEX and other certifications](#)

20% fall in fatality rate

Data from the HSE has shown that deaths due to work activities in 2013/14 was 133, which is equal to a rate of fatal injury of 0.44 deaths per 100 000 workers. This represents a fall of about 20% over the average rate over the past 5 years of 0.56 deaths per 100 000 workers.

The UK rate of 0.44 is low end when compared with other countries. The EU rate is 1.39 and France is 2.74 deaths per 100 000 workers.

[See more.](#)

Occupational road risk is not improving

A study into occupational road risk by UCL and TRR has shown some alarming conclusions:

- About 30% of fatalities and just over 22% of serious injuries were sustained when somebody was driving as part of their work.
- This is not changing
- Deaths and serious injuries are around 5750 per year

[See more detail](#)

Note that, for several years, managing occupational road risk has been a key part of OHSAS 18001 safety management systems provided by Strategic Safety Systems.

Is it necessary to retrain a new employee who is also a forklift truck driver?

A client recently asked if it was necessary to retrain a person who had a valid forklift truck training certificate when he joined the company before allowing him to drive a forklift truck.

The key points on which the employer must satisfy himself are:

- Was the training on the category of forklift truck and the types of operations the driver would be exposed to at the new employer?
- Was the training carried out by a competent trainer?

If the employer is satisfied with these, further training is not necessary.

The key points with forklift truck safety are:

- Vehicles and pedestrians must be kept apart so far as is reasonably practical.
- Driving must be restricted to trained and authorised drivers.
- You must keep by-standers away from all lifting and lowering operations.
- Vehicles must be examined by a competent person at least every 12 months and at appropriate intervals by the employer, and records kept.

[See SSS forklift truck record system.](#)

[See L117 Rider-operated lift trucks - Operator training and safe use](#)

Incidents and court cases

Incorrect lifting gear causes foot fracture and £23,600 fine

Frank H Dale Ltd, a Herefordshire steelwork company was fined £23,631 (inc. costs) on 15 July 2014 after an employee was hurt when a metal sheet weighing 180 kg fell on his foot.

[See details](#)

Inadequate guarding causes loss of finger and £20,000 fine

Rillatech Limited, a Derbyshire company which produces packaging for the food processing industry has been fined £20,353 (inc. costs) on 9 July 2014 because of inadequate guarding.

[See details](#)

Developer jailed for 30 months after breaching prohibition notices

Developer Eze Kinsley has been sent to prison for 30 months after repeatedly breaching prohibition notices.

Kinsley was found guilty of assaulting an inspector from HSE at a separate court appearance.

[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](#).

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 below.

Regards,

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