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Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the first November 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,

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*Fees for intervention (FFI)*

As we have pointed out before, the HSE can now charge fees where there has been a material breach of the regulations. The rate is £124/hour and, since October 2012, businesses have been fined a total of £5,532,565. This is lower than the £12 million budget discussed in an earlier blog (see link below) so we can expect things to get worse.

The sectors that received the most fees were:

- Manufacturing (38 per cent) and
- Construction (36 per cent)

To keep you away from the risk of such fees or the potential for civil action, SSS provide [health and safety support to companies](#), mainly in the manufacturing sector.

[See blog explaining FFI budget](#)

*UKAS accreditation*

Though it isn't a strict legal requirement, SSS strongly recommend that you only use UKAS-accredited certification bodies for your ISO 9001, 14001, etc., certification. The main reason for this is that many customers would regard such certification as being of low value. I can see where they are coming from and have recently seen some significant gaps in 9001, 14001 and 18001 at one company who had certificates from a non-UKAS certification body.

Given the above, one finds it strange that UKAS will not allow their logo to be used in some places like on vans or buildings. I see lots of examples where this is not followed. The link below shows their rules.

See UKAS rules

## FSC and the Timber and Timber Products Regs. 2013

Beware the the Forest Stewardship Council have hammered another nail into the coffin of FSC certification with their "advice" 40-004-10 stating that suppliers of FSC products must be able, on request, to provide information on species types and proof of compliance with relevant trade and custom laws on paper and other timber products used. They blame this on the Timber and Timber Products (Placing on the Market) Regs. 2013. However, these regs., specify 2 categories:

- Operators - organisations that imports paper and wood products for 1st time use into the EU
- Traders - organisations that subsequently use paper.

It is the Operator to whom the above requirement applies.

But by putting this onerous requirement on Traders as well, the FSC has gold-plated the legislation and made a mockery of the whole concept of chain of custody.

We have had one client who has had a non-conformance because of this. We will modify the systems for all those companies with who SSS has an on-going FSC support agreement.

## Incidents and court cases

### Cardboard manufacturer fined after accident due to poor guarding

Prowell Ltd., a corrugated cardboard manufacturer has been fined over £10,000 (inc. costs) after an employee's arm was dragged into unguarded machinery at a factory in Ellesmere Port.

[See details](#)

### Missing guards and interlocks cause loss of part of 2 fingers

Rose Tissues, an Oldham-based tissue manufacturer has been fined £18,000 (inc.costs) after an employee lost the tops of two fingers in machinery.

[See details](#)

### Wood company fined after employee loses fingers in guillotine.

Charlesworth Tree Care and Fencing Ltd., a Lancaster timber firm has been fined £10,000 (inc. costs) after a guillotine severed the hand of one of its employees

[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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