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Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the first October 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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FSC DIR-40-004

This reared its head last week, where an FSC auditor criticised a company for not having a written procedure in place for controlling non-conforming product, as specified in Advice 40-004-08. This specifically states that small companies do not need a written procedure, so if you too have such a comment, suggest (politely) that the auditor reads the directive properly.

Seriously, there is great variability in how FSC certification is audited. If you have problems with your auditor, give SSS a call and we'll help you out. We've got 40 FSC certifications under our belt and we've seen most of the variations.

New Packaging Directive came into force

Those of you who are registered under the Producer Responsibility Packaging Waste Regulations (you have my sympathy) may be affected by a revision to the Packaging Directive that came into effect on 30 September 2013. Generally, things have got worse, with more items being now regarded as packaging waste. For those of you who are unaware of these regulations, they apply if you produce 50 tonnes or more per year of packaging material that **becomes** waste.

[See the changes](#)

E-cigarettes

E-cigarettes are back in the news. For those of you who did not see the summary I did on this a couple of months ago, see the attachment below:

<http://phil-sss.blogspot.co.uk/2013/08/guidance-on-e-cigarettes-in-workplace.html>

Incidents and court cases

PHS fined £150,000 following aerosol explosion at waste site

An explosion occurred at a waste management site due to aerosols being allowed into a shredder. This caused three workers to sustain serious burns

[See details](#)

Conveyor manufacturer fined following loss of three fingers

This was an example where new equipment was defective.

[See details](#)

Company fails to act on saw guarding and employee severs tendons

A company was fined £14,000 (inc. costs) after an employee severed the tendons in his hand on an unguarded saw even though the HSE had made them aware of problems 9 months before the accident.

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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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