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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the second 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.

Regards,

Philip Chambers
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Reminder about R22 and SIC codes

Recent conversations with clients revealed that some were not yet aware of the revocation of the mandatory requirement to remove HCFCs (ozone layer-depleting gases) by the end of 2014. The most common example of an HCFC in air conditioning and chiller equipment is R22. The [SSS blog](#) originally posted is now available as a white paper via the [SSS publications page](#).

Also available as a white paper is an explanation of SIC codes, which is presently a mess with different codes for the same substances. It is easy to understand why people get confused, hence this simple explanation.

[See White Paper 22 on waste transfer notes, consignment notes and SIC codes](#)

[See White Paper 35 on the mandatory removal of R22 by end of 2014](#)

Update from the Chair of the HSE

At a conference organised by the South West and Bristol and West branches of IOSH held in Cornwall on 22nd October 2014, Judith Hackitt, Chair of the Health and Safety Executive gave a refreshing view of health and safety.

Ms. Hackitt urged the conference "not to confuse liability limitation with health and safety". She obviously despaired of actions blamed on 'elf 'n safety which are obviously because of the fear of litigation. She also despaired of the lengths to which some people go and cited two examples, one of lids on coffee cups and the other of a full investigation into a wasp sting.

The main message that came across was that the HSE is being directed by government pressure to be reactive rather than proactive. What this means is that the effort will be on organisations which are deficient on health and safety and those that can demonstrate good systems and practices will be subsequently left in peace.

[See support from SSS which can keep the HSE off your back.](#)

Working at height best practice guidelines

The 6th Nationwide Platforms' 'Working at Height Best Practice Forum' was held on 2nd October.

Whilst we commonly think of mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs) as being a safe method of working at height, they were connected with 23 deaths worldwide in the first half of 2014.

A big 'eye opener' was a demonstration set up to illustrate the axle and wheel loadings on a MEWP. Load cells were set up under each wheel in order to record the imposed loads when the platform's basket was positioned in a variety of positions within its 'loading envelope'.

[See SHP article on the forum](#)

Incidents and court cases

Company ignored advice from safety expert and accident occurred

Stormguard Ltd, a Macclesfield manufacturer which produces a range of drainage products, was fined £6,377 (inc. costs) after a worker's hand became entangled around a factory drill. They had ignored advice.

[See details](#)

BAE Systems fined £180,000 after workers leg was shattered during a test firing of a gun

BAE Systems Global Combat Systems Munitions Limited was fined £180,000 (inc. costs) after a worker's leg bone was shattered while test firing a gun on a range in Northumberland.

[See details](#)

Directors jailed for safety and fraud offences

Paul O'Boyle was jailed for a total of 26 months for fraud and safety offences.

Russell Lee, was given a 12 month suspended prison sentence, ordered to pay £8000 and given 150 hours' community service for similar offences.

Aztech BA Ltd was fined £100,000.

[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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Regards,

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