

Health and Safety News / Regulations / Approved Codes of Practice / Guidance / Consultative Documents

Welcome to the PFB January 2018 Health and Safety newsletter. This newsletter aims to provide you with updates on new Regulations and information about new services. Our contact details are at the end of the newsletter; please get in touch if there is anything you think we might be able to help you with.

Ongoing Approved Codes of Practice (ACoP) Reviews / Amendments

HSE's process of reviewing all Approved Codes of Practice (ACoP) is ongoing throughout 2018. The revising of Regulations and ACoP's involves [public consultation](#). The consultation documents include a summary of the planned revisions plus means of commenting before changes are adopted.

The Regulations themselves have not changed at all, so duty holders' responsibilities remain unchanged.

All Workplaces Health and Safety Performance/Statistics



The HSE has recently published injury and ill-health statistics for the period of November 2016 / October 2017

General Summary:

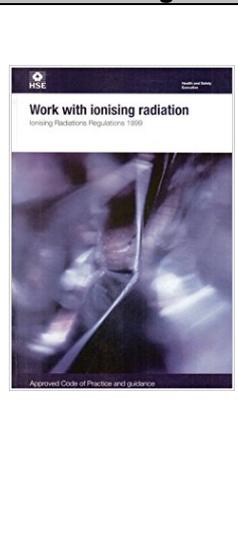
- **1.3 million** working people suffering from a work-related illness
- **2,542** mesothelioma deaths due to past asbestos exposures [2015 Figures]
- **137** workers killed at work*
- **609,000** injuries occurred at work
- **70,116** injuries to employees reported under RIDDOR
- **31.2 million** working days lost due to work-related illness and workplace injury
- **£14.9 billion** estimated cost of injuries and ill health from current working conditions (2015/16)

*There has been a long term downward trend in the rate of fatal injury, with indications of levelling off in recent years. There were 30 fatal injuries to workers in the Construction sector in 2016/17, around 30% lower than the five-year average for 2011/12-2015/16 (43).

The HSE's overall view is that while the figures generally indicate a reduction in some areas, work related stress is on the increase. The HSE is concerned that we should be doing more to tackle work health issues and that there should be a positive and involved approach from management

The full document can be accessed via the link [here](#)

New Ionising Radiation Regulations



From the 1 January 2018, the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (IRR17) replaced the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (IRR99). Depending on the ionising radiation work being carried out, there may be a requirement to apply to the Health and Safety Executive to:

- Notify the HSE of the ionising radiation work
- Register the work
- Obtain consent for the work from the HSE

Whether you notify, register or get consent depends on the level of risk of the work you do.

You must apply to the HSE:

- Before you start new work with equipment that involves ionised radiation.
- By 5 February 2018 at the latest, if you have previously notified HSE of work that you carry out with ionised radiation.

Work included

This applies to all companies working with ionising radiation including those who work with:

- radioactive material:
 - artificial radionuclides and naturally occurring radionuclides which are processed for their radioactive, fissile or fertile properties
 - naturally occurring radionuclides which are **not** processed for their radioactive, fissile or fertile properties
- radiation generators, such as X-ray devices
- work in an atmosphere containing radon above an annual average concentration of 300Bq m⁻³

For more information, guidance or to read the draft document, click [here](#) and if you require any further assistance, PFB can assist you.

Brexit & the Effect on UK Health and Safety Regulations

Last year's key Brexit developments provided more detail from the UK Government and the European Commission regarding the processes and timeframe. The UK Government has committed to protecting and enhancing the safety/suitability of the workplace, there should be minimal Brexit impact on occupational safety and health (OSH) in the UK.

Post-Brexit, the UK Government may review health and safety regulations that are more EU biased and it is vital that Occupational Safety and Health protections continue to be maintained and improved for the following reasons:

1. The UK OSH system is effective and has been found fit for purpose by independent reviews
2. The UK's risk-based health and safety system is respected around the world
3. There is a compelling [business case](#) for good OSH that complements the legal and moral imperatives
4. Existing OSH law is well understood and embedded in UK business and The Manufacturer's Organisation have called for no fundamental changes, believing this could cause major disruption
5. It is helpful to improve OSH policy and practice in line with evidence
6. There is no evidence of a 'gold plating' problem with UK OSH law

At present, there is no action required from UK companies and our advice is to wait until there is clear guidelines from the HSE.

To find more information and read IOSH thoughts on Brexit, please click [here](#)



HSE – Go Home Healthy Campaign

The HSE is currently running a campaign that will concentrate on 3 priority health issues over the next few years and these are:

- Work-related Lung Disease – Twelve thousand workers die each year from lung disease
- Work-related Musculoskeletal Disorders – Nine million working days are lost each year because of Musculoskeletal Disorders
- Work-related Stress – over twelve million working days were lost last year because of stress.

This is a response to feedback from health and safety professionals and industry leaders whom have stated that more action is needed to prevent work related ill health. The Go Home Healthy Campaign aims to enable employers to prevent work related ill health now and in the future and is fully supported by IOSH.

You can find out more about the campaign as well as information and videos on Work-related Lung Disease, Work-related Musculoskeletal Disorders and Work-related Stress by clicking [here](#)



ISO 45001 introduction / OHSAS 18001 replacement



The Final Draft International Standard (FDIS) of ISO 45001 (Occupational Health and Safety) has been published and the final standard is currently scheduled to be published / introduced in the first half of 2018.

The main difference between ISO 45001 and OHSAS 18001 can be found in an easy to understand table if you click [here](#)

OHSAS 18001 will be withdrawn on publication of ISO 45001 and organizations currently certified to OHSAS 18001 will have a three-year period to migrate to ISO 45001.

BSI will continue to keep clients updated with the development of this new standard and provide support materials and training courses to help you.

For the latest updates and news regarding the transition, click [here](#)

New and Revised HSE Publications

In addition to the recent and ongoing revisions, the HSE provides a list of their [latest publications](#) on their [HSE books](#) website.

If you require further assistance, then please contact PFB using the details below.



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