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Strategic Safety Systems Ltd. Newsletter

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Dear Philip,

Welcome to the second June 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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Switchblade and SPI Tacpro gain ISO 9001 certification

Congratulations to Switchblade and sister company SPI Tacpro who have gained certification to ISO 9001. These microcompanies required certification to ISO 9001 by a UKAS accredited certification body if they were to supply into the UK market. This was not a matter of increasing business; lack of 9001 was a show-stopper. Many people regard 9001 systems as being unwieldy. SSS managed to get this system into 11 pages. This was our 180th certification.

[See SSS support on gaining ISO 9001 and other standards or improving existing systems.](#)

HSE's FFI scheme raises £12m last FY

The Health and Safety Executive has released its latest results detailing the total revenue generated from fining businesses with its Fee For Intervention (FFI) scheme. Between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014, the HSE fined UK businesses over £12.3m. This represents a shortfall of £5m as their budget was £17m.

An HSE spokesperson said: "Any shortfall in budgeted receipts is for HSE to manage within its overall financial position. The prevention of death, injury and ill health to those at work and those affected by work activities is paramount. We will continue to focus on high risk and poor performing sectors, taking formal enforcement action to prevent harm and secure justice where appropriate."

Despite the shortfall, the revenue generated from fining businesses through the scheme is expected to dramatically increase, with the HSE budgeting FFI income to reach £23m this financial year.

Whilst it is far better to be in the situation where you are not in breach of any regulation, SSS have helped one client successfully dispute an incorrect charge.

[See more about SSS H&S support.](#)

Changes in F Gas (R22 etc.) Regs.

The mandatory requirement to discontinue R22 and other HCFCs by the end of this year has been revoked. It will become progressively more difficult to maintain R22 systems, but this does give companies the flexibility to use existing equipment which is leak-free. This represents a refreshing example of common sense. There are, however, requirements to inspect equipment at a frequency dependant upon the amount of gas they contain.

[See more details](#)

SHP Online article on air quality



As part of a series of SSS articles in SHP Online, last week SHP published an article on Air Quality - Key Considerations. Articles on noise and ergonomics will follow shortly.

[See the article.](#)

Incidents and court cases

Company fined for second time in a year after forklift truck overturns.

Radford HMY Group Ltd was fined £8,824 (inc. costs) on 9 June 2014 and served with an Improvement Notice after a forklift truck overturned. The company had also been fined £2,000 in October 2013 after a worker's hand was badly crushed in a machine on which a safety guard had been deliberately disabled.

[See details](#)

Worker hit by forklift truck at plastics recycling plant

ECO Plastics Ltd., a plastics recycling company was fined £17,761 (inc.costs) after a worker was stuck by a reversing forklift truck.

[See details](#)

2 companies fined after HGV driver hit by falling beams during unloading operation

Hugh Logan Plant and Engineering Services Ltd was fined £16,000 and Falburn Engineering Ltd fined £10,000 after an accident when 1 person was hit during forklift truck lifting operations.

[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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