



## HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE REGULATIONS IN 2006/2007

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) decided in February 2005, to implement changes to occupational health and safety law and practice that arise from within the UK on only two dates each year and they have now extended this to legislation arising from Europe, wherever it is in their control to do so. Obviously, if any critical legislation arises between these dates it will be implemented straightaway.

The two 'Common Commencement Dates' are:

- 6 April (the start of the tax year);
- 1 October

The HSE has issued a statement, which lists the regulations that commence during 2006/7, and it will be updated every six months, covering a rolling 12-month period. The statement has four sections as follows:

- **Section A** details changes that are due to commence on 1 October 2006;
- **Section B** details changes that are due to commence on 6 April 2007;
- **Section C** details changes to domestic regulations that impact on a specific business sector only and where alignment with either of the above commencement dates would be of no benefit to that sector.
- **Section D** details regulations arising from Europe, where it has not been possible to align the coming into force date with either of the two common commencements. HSE does not have full control of the commencement date for regulations arising from Europe.

The Statement of Forthcoming Regulations can be found by following this link:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/regulations/index.htm>

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