



## **HEALTH AND SAFETY PROSECUTIONS WITHIN THE FOOD INDUSTRY- UPDATE MAY 2007**

As part of our partnership work with the Local Authority (LA) and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), we will be providing information to all members regarding prosecutions on health and safety related matters within the food industry.

We have stated below information on one of the latest prosecutions during the first quarter of 2007 as reported by the HSE.

### **9<sup>th</sup> February 2007- Lack Of Machinery Guarding Results In Prosecution**

Pasta Reale Ltd. was fined £7,000 and required to pay £1,833.20 costs after they were found guilty of health and safety offences under Regulation 11 of the Provision of Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 and regulation 5 of the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999.

On 10<sup>th</sup> February 2005, an employee was injured whilst clearing jammed webbing from a forming station of a thermoforming machine, when the machine was activated which caused crushing to the operators fingers. The HSE reports that there was access to possible moving/dangerous parts of the forming station and no guard was present at the time of the accident. Also pre check lists failed to identify the missing guard and there had been no monitoring undertaken of the pre checks or training provided.

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