



## *Important News*

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**To: BFFF Members  
BFFF Members' Health & Safety Contacts**

### **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY LAW AND PRACTICE CHANGES- APRIL 2007**

In February 2005, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) decided to implement changes that arise from within the UK on only two dates a year. They have also extended this to legislation arising from Europe, wherever it is in their control to do so.

The main aim of harmonising the commencement dates was to enable those affected (i.e. businesses, employee representatives and individuals) to be more aware of forthcoming changes and better able to plan for and implement new measures effectively.

The two 'Common Commencement Dates' are:

- 6<sup>th</sup> April (Start of the tax year); and
- 1<sup>st</sup> October

BFFF aims to highlight the changes in legislation that are pertinent to the frozen food industry. Therefore we have enclosed details of the most recent changes in April 2007 that will predominately affect our members.

It should be noted that the details below are not the complete list of occupational health and safety law practice changes for the UK. The full list of legislation changes can be viewed on the HSE web site [www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/regulations/index.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/regulations/index.htm)

### **Construction Design and Management Regulations**

The Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 2007 (CDM 2007) came into force on 6 April 2007.

This is a single set of key construction Regulations, mainly revising, simplifying and consolidating the Construction (Design & Management) (CDM) Regulations 1994 and the Construction (Health, Safety & Welfare) (CHSW) Regulations 1996.

CDM 2007 will increase the focus on effective planning and management of construction projects, to improve risk management by ensuring responsibility is placed with those best placed to influence or manage it; reduce bureaucracy; and simplify and clarify the law for dutyholders, so they can easily understand what they (and other members of the construction project team) are required to do. As such there will be more emphasis on the clients duties.

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Within the regulations , unless the context otherwise requires, a 'client' means a person who in the course or furtherance of a business:

- a. seeks or accepts the services of another which may be used in the carrying out of a project for him; or
- b. carries out a project himself

As the meaning of construction work within the regulations has a wide scope, there is a high probability that these new regulations will impact on many of our members undertaking construction work.

For more information about the CDM 2007 regulations visit the HSE web site [www.hse.gov.uk/construction/cdm.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/cdm.htm)

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