

HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE

Annex to Health and Safety in the Racing and Breeding Industry 2013 - 6th Edition
("Red Book")

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Since the 6th Edition was published, the following updates have taken place. Please store these updates with your Health and Safety Manual and update your policies and procedures where applicable.

You should already have a copy of the 2013 Red Book. However, if you require a new copy for any reason it can be downloaded and printed from: <http://www.britishhorseracing.com/resource-centre/rules-guides/>

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Under the Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Act 1969, such policies must be taken out with authorised insurers ~~i.e. persons lawfully carrying on a class of insurance business in Great Britain under the Companies Act 1985~~. A list of authorised insurance....

Updated links

- Page 48: www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/campaign/duty.htm is no longer a valid web page. Use <http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/index.htm>.
- Page 59: A short guide to the Personal Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1999 – [INDG174 \(rev2\)](#)

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- [Control of Major Accident Hazards \(COMAH\) Regulations 2015](#) came into force on 1 June 2015. They apply mainly to the chemical and petrochemical industries, but also affect other businesses which store certain quantities of substances with hazardous classifications. Under the new regulations these classifications have changed, bringing new businesses into the scope of the directive. Every site of a business needs to:
 - determine whether they are in scope of COMAH 2015 and notify or re-notify the Competent Authority by 1 June 2016. Upper tier COMAH sites must prepare a safety report which demonstrates this;
 - take all necessary measures to prevent major accidents involving dangerous substances; and
 - limit the consequences to people and the environment of any major accidents which do occur.Guidance is available - [L111 \(Third edition - reissued with amendments October 2015\)](#).
- [Tougher Guidelines, Higher Fines \(2015 / 2016\)](#). Tougher guidelines proposed by the Sentencing Council came into force on 1 February 2016. It means that large companies in England and Wales can expect fines of around £10 million for the most serious breaches of health and safety law or £20m in corporate manslaughter cases. The new guideline is intended to ensure a consistent approach to the sentencing of individuals and organisations convicted of health and safety, corporate manslaughter and food safety and hygiene offences by courts in England and Wales.
- New [Guidance on the Health and Safety \(Safety Signs and Signals\) Regulations 1996- L64 \(Third edition\)](#) was published by HSE on 1 June 2015.