

Date	29 November 2011
Issue Ref:	HSE Information Sheet 0010
Topic:	The Lofstedt Report – Reclaiming Health and Safety for All
Details:	<p>Professor Ragnar Lofstedt's eagerly-awaited, Government-commissioned report on Britain's health and safety regulations was published today, and it calls for one million self-employed to be exempt from health and safety law.</p> <p>In response, Employment Minister Chris Grayling has announced plans to begin a major cut back of health and safety red tape as early as January. It will begin an immediate consultation on the abolition of large numbers of health and safety regulations and intends to have removed the first rules from the statute book within a few months.</p> <p>Professor Lofstedt has concluded that there is no case for radically altering current health and safety legislation. It is generally felt that the existing regulatory requirements are broadly right, and that regulation has a role to play in preventing injury and ill health in the workplace.</p> <p>In his report, Professor Lofstedt suggests that, in general, the problem lies less with the regulations themselves, and more with the way they are interpreted and applied.</p> <p>Professor Lofstedt has made 19 recommendations aimed at reducing the burden of unnecessary regulation on businesses. The Government has accepted his recommendations.</p> <p>The recommendations aim to help businesses reclaim ownership of the management of health and safety.</p> <p>All of the recommendations should be delivered by April 2015 but in some cases, earlier target dates have been set.</p> <p>Key Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• exempting from health and safety law those self-employed whose work activities pose no potential risk of harm to others• that HSE should review all its ACoPs. The initial phase of the review should be completed by June 2012 so businesses have certainty about what is planned and when changes can be anticipated• that HSE undertakes a programme of sector-specific consolidations to be completed by April 2015• that legislation is changed to give HSE the authority to direct all local authority health and safety inspection and enforcement activity, in order to ensure that it is consistent and targeted towards the most risky workplaces• that the original intention of the pre-action protocol standard disclosure list is clarified and restated and that regulatory provisions that impose strict liability should be reviewed by June 2013 and either qualified with 'reasonably practicable' where strict liability is not absolutely necessary or amended to prevent civil liability from attaching to a breach of those

	<p>provisions.</p> <p>A full summary of the report can be obtained from Admiral Safety should you want one (it is 110 pages long).</p>
Recommended Action:	<p>None required for now – this is issued for information only as it is potentially the biggest change to UK HSE legislation since 1974.</p> <p>We will aim to try to keep you updated with running developments as they are advised.</p>
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