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F & IU (Safety management) regulations

The Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Management) Regulations have been passed in the Legislative Council on 24th Nov 1999. The implementation date has not been fixed but there should be 1 year's period of grace before full implementation.

There are a number of amendments to the original proposed regulations, in particular on the following :

1. The deletion of "who can be an employee of the contractor or proprietor" from the appointment of registered safety auditor. The same phrase appears in the appointment of safety review officers. It is quite clear that though it has not totally removed the possibility of an in-house auditor, the intention of the law is that the auditor should not be an employee of the proprietor or employee.
2. For the first 6 months of enforcement of regulations, the requirement of approved training is still required to become a registered safety auditor though the experience is reduced from 5 years to 3 years.
3. There is no requirement to become a review officer and there is no registration required.

Members who wish to track the deliberation and discussion of the Regulations and its full text may visit the web page of the Hong Kong Government:

www.lego.gov.hk/yr99-00/english/subleg/sub9900.htm

Adjustment of audit fee

You have been informed through Guidance Note 5/99 on the audit hour reduction for existing Housing Authority contracts. Though this is not a compulsory arrangement and is by no means an agreement with the Client or the Management Office, members are urged to follow the pattern to ease the financial constraint of the Client and to ensure uniformity among our members practice.

Adjustment of SAA fee

You have been informed through Guidance Note 6/99 on the adjustment of fee to SAA. Members are requested to note that the percentage set is the minimum fee that a ASA should pay to the SAA for the 2 days' work during the audit. If a SAA should be required to perform more duties, e.g. printing and preparation of the photographic album, photocopying,

binding, sending report to OSHC, etc., he should mutually agree any additional fee with the SAA accordingly.

Version 1.2 of ISAS

We have offered our views to the Works Bureau on the existing version 1.1 of ISAS for the production of version 1.2 which will be used in audits in the 2nd phase of trial scheme. The proposal is in the download section of our webpage under the membership download area. Members may wish to access it, study and offer their comments.

Member login ID and password

The Login ID and Password will be sent to members by mail this week. Please contact the Society office if you have any problem.

3rd anniversary annual dinner

The 3rd Anniversary Annual Dinner will be held on 7th December 1999. So far we have reservations for 5 tables including members and guests. If you would like a last minute rush, please contact the Society immediately. Details of the dinner are reiterated as follows:

Date	:	Tuesday, 7 th December 1999
Time	:	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Cocktail Reception 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Dinner
Venue	:	Meeting Rooms 206-208 Phase II, Level 2 HK Convention & Exhibition Centre No. 1 Expo Drive, Wanchai, Hong Kong
Fee	:	Member and non-member - \$700 Spouse of member - \$500

Inclusion of registered safety auditor as members

With the introduction of the New Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Safety Management) Regulations, a new category of auditors - Registered Safety Auditor, will soon be created. It is the intention of the Society to absorb this group of RSA as members so as to boost the professionalism and ethics of the auditing profession.

A restructure of the Society membership as well as the subscription fee and levy need to be reconsidered. Members are requested to offer their view to the EC for discussion in the coming meetings.