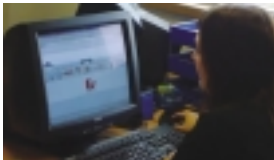


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PAS Scheme assists clients with new duties

When the full impact of the revised Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations hit property owners and occupiers, Eurosafes UK received numerous requests for assistance.

In response we established our Procurement of Asbestos Services (PAS) scheme to assist client organisations with their new duties.

The PAS scheme has procured and managed over £4 million worth of asbestos removal work in the 12 months since its conception. The scheme has most recently been adopted by The Mall Corporation to deal with over £1 million worth of asbestos removal and demolition work at the Cleveland Square Shopping Centre in Middlesbrough. Graham Warren, the asbestos services manager at Eurosafes UK, comments "We were finding that clients were being offered various solutions for the management and removal of their asbestos from different contractors and they were finding it difficult to ascertain what they could and could not do legally. The PAS scheme is entirely independent and offers transparency with regard to the financial aspects as well as providing the client with confidence that issues such as vetting of method statements, programming, air monitoring and the all important certificate of re-occupation are being managed on their behalf".

On-line asbestos register recognised at national awards

Eurosafes UK recently made it onto the final shortlist for an award in the "Best Safety Innovation by a Consultant" category at the prestigious Building Magazine awards dinner. Held at the Grosvenor Hotel in Park Lane, London the black tie event was attended by over 1,000 of the main players in the UK construction industry.

The Eurosafes UK entry was our web based asbestos register for the major pub company Punch Taverns. With over 8,000 entries the register hosts the asbestos surveys undertaken for their estate and is easily accessible by all interested parties. Under current legislation commercial clients have a duty to make asbestos reports available to anyone undertaking construction work in their buildings. By using www.e-constructionmanager.co.uk to host their register Punch Taverns is able to discharge this duty. Via the use of a

secure password all Punch Taverns' contractors and consultants are able to access the register on a 24/7 basis and are required to sign an undertaking to visit the register and access the risks posed by asbestos prior to undertaking work in a particular pub. Despite being pipped at the post the Eurosafes UK team enjoyed the dinner and charity casino before rounding off the evening (or morning!) at the Atlantic Bar in Piccadilly.



Asbestos awareness training



When William Sutton Housing Association wanted to provide asbestos awareness training to key personnel within their organisation Eurosafe UK were the obvious choice.

Alison Day comments *"We have enjoyed a great relationship with William Sutton for the past eight years and as their retained asbestos consultants we were in a great position to help them with this training. We were delighted to provide in excess of 20 training days on a national basis at venues as far apart as Chelsea and Newcastle. William Sutton are now satisfied that their managers, surveyors and maintenance operatives have undertaken the necessary training to execute their daily activities with an adequate awareness of asbestos issues".*

Should your organisation be concerned about asbestos issues Alison Day can be contacted on 01904 691515.

Property owners - Are you getting enough....

...tax relief? One of the most popular aspects of our PAS scheme is the reclaiming of enhanced tax relief on asbestos removal works. Many commercial landlords/owners are unaware that asbestos removal and associated works on qualifying buildings is subject to 150% tax relief. Eurosafe UK assist by producing final accounts for such projects for the client to submit to the Inland Revenue to recover the enhanced rate of tax. Working to a format agreed with the Inland Revenue large tax savings can be made for example:

Cost of asbestos survey	£1,000
Removal of asbestos cement roof sheets	£15,000
Replacement with new sheets	£30,000
Client costs	£500
Consultancy costs	£1,500
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Standard tax relief at 20%	£9,600
Extra tax relief (150%)	£4,800

Andy Newsham of Eurosafe UK comments *"The tax savings are proving beneficial to all qualifying landlords especially those with larger portfolios whose annual savings are running into six figures using our services."*

HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

Welcome to England!

For a foreign company to attempt to set up an operation in this country conformity to current UK health and safety legislation can be a daunting task. At Eurosafe UK we have been delighted this year to assist several new overseas clients establish their operations over here. These clients include:

- Paul UK - a French patisserie chain who have fitted out a new distribution centre and several central London shops this year.
- Bachuss - a South African wine bar operation.
- Laudree - another French company who's business is speciality breads and pastries.

New legislation

Earlier this year, two sets of new regulations were introduced that had an impact on the UK construction industry.



The Work at Height Regulations 2005 revoked certain parts of the existing Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996.

The Vibration at Work Regulations 2005 came into force in July and relate mainly to construction operations involving certain types of hand held plant.

Darren Blackburn, technical director at Eurosafe UK states that: "As the vast majority of construction projects involve work at height contractors need to ensure they are familiar with the new requirements placed upon them. One of the main areas they will need to address is the replacement of the old "two metre rule" under the CHSW Regulations with a general requirement to prevent falls from a height liable to cause personal injury."

It is also worth noting that in October 2006 it is likely that a new set of construction regulations will be introduced. Current proposals are to amalgamate the existing Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations and the CDM Regulations into one set of regulations.

Working in Ireland



The last few years has seen the Irish Republic really develop a reputation as a shopper's paradise. Until the Liffy Valley Shopping Centre in Dublin opened Ireland had lagged well behind the UK when it came to out of town retail parks and shopping centres.

However recent developments in Cork, Drogheda, Sligo and several more around Dublin have seen the market really take off. At Eurosafe UK we have assisted major retailers such as TK Maxx and Next, as well as the Pizza Express restaurant chain,



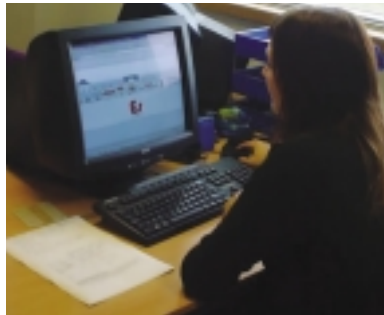
establish themselves over the water by implementing the Irish regulations on their construction projects.

"A lot of people are surprised that the Irish Health and Safety legislation is in many ways more onerous than that in the UK" comments Darren Blackburn, Technical Director at Eurosafe UK. "The Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2001 require that all operatives must have a Safe Contractor card (or CSCS equivalent) to enter a construction site. Also safety representation is a legal requirement on qualifying projects".

Should you be planning a project in the Republic of Ireland Darren can be contracted on 01904 691515.

Size sometimes isn't everything!

With the cost of the office space at a premium Eurosafe UK are helping an ever increasing number of clients with their storage problems.



The electronic Health and Safety Files produced by Eurosafe UK are known as Eurofiles and are used by clients to archive their Files. Whilst the original paper copy of the File is held within a building for future maintenance workers to use, an unlimited amount of Eurofiles can be issued on a CD ROM to interested parties. Suzanne Buckley based in our York office comments *"We have recently completed a large fit out scheme in Manchester for Next where the Health and Safety File contained various operating manuals for 12 escalators, 6 lifts and the usual mechanical and electrical plant. To duplicate the paper File for the client, the landlord and centre management would have involved a vast amount of time together with numerous reams of paper. By producing electronic copies of the File all interested parties received a simple to use Eurofile that fits neatly into a desk drawer as opposed to dozens of paper volumes!"*

The Eurofile needs no specialist software, training or licenses and can be used by anyone with software issued with the Windows operating system.

caption competition



A bottle of Champagne awaits the winner of our caption competition. Simply come up with a witty caption to go with the photo of Alison Day and Suzanne Buckley as they play the tables at the charity casino at the recent Health and Safety Awards.

Send your captions to Carol Downie at the Eurosafe UK address below. Closing date is 11th January 2006.

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