

Hot Topics

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- Asbestos E-Tool Launched 3 July:
“Managing My Asbestos: A Step by Step Guide to the Duty to Manage Regulations”
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/managing/index.htm>
 - *“Promoting Good Practice in Risk Assessment”*
– European Campaign CD-ROMs
 - Health & Safety Law Poster
– HSE action to combat miss-selling

Free HSE Publications Online

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- From 1 September 2009, content of HSE's 250 priced publications will be freely accessible to read or print via the website.
 - Most popular titles currently being converted into fully accessible, printer-friendly format.
 - Hard copy versions will continue to be available for purchase.

SBTAF Stocktaking: One Year On



- Now 1 Year on from Stocktaking
- Initiatives
- Progress
- Way Forward
- Your Views



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**The Small
Business Trade
Association
Forum (SBTAF)**

What is SBTAF?

SBTAF is one of HSE's most important stakeholder groups. It is made up of trade associations who represent small businesses over a variety of industries. It aims to ensure that HSE hears the concerns of small business. Through the sharing of information and expertise (and a fair bit of lively debate!) it improves the way HSE communicates with small businesses.

The Forum acts as a 'sounding board' for the development of policy, guidance, new initiatives and proposed legislative changes – and ensures HSE takes full account of any impact on small businesses.



**Do you represent
small businesses?**

Do you want the voice of your members to be heard by HSE policy makers?

Incoming Initiatives

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- WAIT (Work at Height Information Tool)
 - Quality Assessment Consultation to run from 12/08/09 to 25/08/09
 - Stakeholder Meeting 03/09/09 Redgrave Ct
 - Workplace Temperatures Review
 - Proposed EU Biocides Regulation
 - Online Consultation 27/07/09 to 05/10/09

Artificial Optical Radiation Directive



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- Implementation by April 2010
 - Development of Regulations leading to...
 - 3 month consultation – expected to start middle of September 2009