Fire Risk Management – Lessons to be Learned

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Fire Safety in the Food Industry

- Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005
  - Came into force 1 October 2006
  - Consolidated fire safety legislation
  - Introduced a risk based approach to fire safety
Fire Safety in the Food Industry

- Recent Developments

  - Secretary of State Determination

    October 2009 – suitability of precautions for fire detection

    Whether compliance with the BS was sufficient to meet obligations under the RRO
Fire Safety in the Food Industry

- Recent Developments
  
  - New Regulation to be introduced under Article 24 of RRO to implement Framework Directive on Health and Safety of Workers
    
    - “it is the employer’s responsibility to take into consideration an employees’ capabilities as regards fire safety”
Enforcement in the Food Industry

- Retailers and Manufacturers
  - Ron Dewdney Ltd – Devon and Somerset FRS
  - The Co-Op – Hampshire FRS
  - Spar – Hampshire FRS
  - The Creative Cake Company – Wiltshire FRS
  - Tesco – various
Fire Safety Issues in the Food Industry

- Premises
  - Sandwich Panels
    - Sun Valley Poultry Ltd – 1993
    - Atherstone-on-Stour – 2007
Fire Safety Issues in the Food Industry

- Sandwich Panels
  - Fire and Rescue Service Circular “Firefighter Safety at Operational Incidents” (2009)
  - EPIC “Insulated Panels The Fire Safety Order (2005)”
Identifying the Hazards

- Obligation upon the responsible person to carry out suitable and sufficient risk assessment
  - Includes “fabric of the building”
  - Appropriate preventative and protective measures
  - Arrangements in relation to the planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review of preventative and protective measures
Non Compliance with RRO

- Prosecution for Breaches of RRO
  - New Look – £400K fine, £136K costs
  - Southern Cross Healthcare – £80K fine, £20K costs
  - Shell International – £300K fine, £45K costs
  - Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries International – £30K