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FIRE ACT 2017 MAJOR REVISION

Sec 3 Purpose The purpose of this Act is to—

(a) reform the law relating to fire services, including by strengthening the role of communities and improving the support for volunteers in the provision of fire services, and, to that end,—

(i) to unify Fire Services by establishing Fire & Emergency New Zealand (FENZ);

(ii) to provide for FENZ's objectives, functions, and operating principles; and

(iii) to provide for FENZ's powers; and

(iv) to provide for a levy-based system to fund FENZ; and

(b) provide for local advisory committees to influence and advise FENZ; and

(c) improve support for volunteers, enable them to communicate with FENZ; and

(d) provide new offences and penalties to improve fire safety.

In plain language the new Act provides for Rural and Urban authorities to be amalgamated plus it provides for industrial brigades for large employers. It provides for a stronger operational organisation plus a National Board and Community Boards for local consultation. It provides for levies to be imposed to collect funding for earthquake and fire damage on a consistent basis. Levy payers must make regular returns on quarterly basis.

Fines are now much much greater. The former \$200 fine is vanquished with fines 100 times greater but provision for a daily fine has been discontinued. Extensive provisions are made for "boarding" or standing down of operational personnel that are seriously injured or otherwise not fit for full operations.



FIRE REGULATIONS MAJOR UPDATE 2018

On 1 July 2018 the Fire and Emergency New Zealand (Fire Safety, Evacuation Procedures, and Evacuation Schemes) Regulations 2018 will replace the existing Fire Safety and Evacuation of Buildings Regulations 2006.

The new regulations will impact both owners and tenants of buildings; there are also some prescribed changes that specify certain matters such as the content and colour of Fire Action Notices. Some of the key changes are as follows:

- Building owners AND tenants are now required to ensure means of escape are kept free from obstacles
- The evacuation procedure must make provision for any persons requiring particular assistance
- Fire Action Notices must be of a certain colour, format & the text to be a certain size
- Fines have increased from \$200 to \$10,000 for an individual and \$20,000 in other cases. Fines under the Act can be \$75,000 or \$150,000. Rural fires \$600,000.
- FENZ may now revoke or require a variation to approved schemes
- In certain cases, unscheduled alarms may be treated as a trial evacuation
- Unscheduled evacuations must be reported to FENZ
- Reporting of trial evacuations is now more comprehensive, including the details of training sessions and the functionality of the fire alarm system
- Where persons nominated as a contact for a building is absent from NZ for more than 21 days, they must notify FENZ
- There are also amended requirements to report non operation of fire alarms and works to buildings
- Schemes will also note if there are obligations around response plans under the Health & Safety at Work Act 2015

AGENTS AND BROKERS FOR AUDIT ROLES

We are pleased to advise that we are now changing our business model so that we can improve the scope and value of our services. It is our intention that we will engage with Firemen or Fire Personnel around NZ and will train them to do front line work on our behalf.

At the same time, we propose that we will have Agents and Brokers that run their own firms and they will have important roles with us. We will continue to have regional managers but we will not be trying to have mini teams of Consultants

At the same time, we will be making application so that clients who wish to have time payment will have access to a well recognised Australia NZ network. (more next month)

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1 Peter 3.18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

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RECENT PROSECUTION

Nutrimetics International (New Zealand) Limited. Fine imposed \$183,750

Industry: Manufacturing. Date of offence: 13 April 2016 Prosecution

Facts in brief: The Defendant manufactures cosmetic products

The victim had been employed by the defendant for 26 years as a packer and process worker.

On 13 April 2016 the victim was working as the second operator on a machine used to fill tubes with cosmetic product. The machine had a large hopper on the top of it with a long metal stirrer inside. There was no guard covering the top of the hopper.

The victim noticed the product in the hopper was low. With the machine still running she inserted a spatula into the hopper to scrape the product downward. The right sleeve of her jacket became entangled in the clamp of the moving stirrer.

The victim suffered mid-shaft radius and ulna fractures to her right forearm. She required four surgeries, including the insertion of plates and screws.



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INTERNATIONAL AUDITOR COURSE ISO 45001 GAP ANALYSIS

This online course is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Safety management systems.

This course is designed to cater for:

- People who already hold an ISO 19011 Management Systems Auditor, Team Leader or Lead Auditor Qualification (e.g. Exemplar Global AU, Exemplar Global TL, Exemplar Global AUTL) or ISO 19011 from Summit Systems Ltd.
- People who are required to audit ISO 45001 management systems
- People who are required to undertake internal and external audits of OH&S management systems
- Managers who receive OH&S audit reports
- People wishing to attain a practical understanding of OH&S standard requirements
- People who develop and implement OH&S management systems
- This course is not industry specific as the underlying principles apply across all areas and industries.

You are invited to register with our Head Office for a course that will suit your timetable. Realistic fees are available and payment can be arranged over several months.

RECENT PROSECUTION

Defendant name: Marshall Industries Limited. Fine 2017 \$180,000

Industry: Manufacturing. Date of offence: 16 May 2016

Facts in brief: The Defendant manufactures roofing materials, sheet metal and installing roofing.. The victim was a casual employee of the defendant.

On 16 May 2016 the victim was instructed to make some tray clips using a punch and forming press. Strips of metal are inserted and formed into a tray clip.

A metal strip became jammed in the die of the press. The victim attempted to free the jam with some welding wire. After this did not work he reached up through the outlet chute with his right hand. The victim's stomach inadvertently made contact with the machine controls and activated it.

The ram of the machine came down and amputated the tips of his right forefinger, index finger, ring finger and thumb.

While unrelated to the incident, there was also an issue with the interlocked guard on the machine; when it was opened, it did not ensure that the press immediately came to a complete stop.

THE PROFESSIONAL WORLD HAS NOW CHANGED ISO 55001 NEW INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ASSET MANAGEMENT

This standard is designed for Engineers, Architects, Lawyers, Accountants, Advisors, Brokers and a long list of professional people. This standard requires that all persons involved in asset management decision making must ensure that the client is given full information relating to decision making. This means advantages, disadvantages, cost benefit, future problems, outcomes and outputs plus all types of problems that can happen. More next month