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>> WSH (Workplace Safety and Health Officers) Regulations in operation from 1 August 2007

The WSH (Workplace Safety and Health Officers) Regulations will take effect on 1 August 2007. The Regulations will replace three subsidiary legislations under the former Factories' Act:

(a) Factories (Qualifications and Training of Safety Officers) Notification;
(b) Factories (Registration and Duties of Safety Officers) Regulations; and
(c) Factories (Safety Officers) Order.

The key change in the new regulations is the removal of the distinction between a full-time and part-time WSH officer. It adopts an outcome-based approach where occupiers decide on the extent of appointment for the WSH officers, whether part-time or full-time.

Workplaces required to appoint a WSH officer are stipulated in the Second Schedule of the Regulations, including:

(a) Shipyards in which any ship, tanker and other vessels are constructed, reconstructed, repaired, refitted, finished or broken up;
(b) Factories used for processing petroleum or petroleum products;
(c) Factories in which building operations or works of engineering construction of a contract sum of $10 million or more are carried out; and
(d) Any other factories in which 100 or more persons are employed, except those which are used for manufacturing garments.

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>> A+A 2007 Safety, Security and Health at work
International Trade Fair plus Congress and Special Shows

A+A, the world's largest and most important specialist trade fair for all aspects of safety and security will be held from 18 to 21 September 2007 at the Düsseldorf Trade Fair Centre, Germany.
1,400 exhibitors will showcase products, innovative concepts and system solutions at A+A 2007 under three themes:

• Personal Safety
• Company Security
• Health at Work

Special shows at A+A 2007 include “Meeting Point Health and Safety”, “Forum: Best Practice”, “Innovation Show: Corporate Fashion” and “Theme Park: Fire Protection”.

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>> Seminar on OHSAS 18001:2007 & EHS Laws Update

Date      : 24 August 2007, Friday
Time      : 2pm to 5pm
Venue     : Singapore Polytechnic Auditorium
            500 Dover Road, Singapore 139651
Fee       : $35/$50 (for EHS subscribers); $80 (public)

This seminar by the Regional Institute of Environmental Technology (REIT) will highlight Singapore's new safety and health laws as well as focus on the latest revision of OHSAS 18001 which was first published in 1999 and revised in 2007.

Key speakers from NEA, MOM, WSHAC, NUS and the private sector will present initiatives in promoting EHS performance in Singapore which will enhance your understanding of significant developments in EHS. It is also an excellent platform to network with fellow industry players on EHS issues.

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