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NOTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

NEW INTERACTIVE F10 FORM AVAILABLE ON THE HSE WEBSITE

From 1 June 2008 a new interactive F10 form is available on the HSE website for Duty holders to complete and submit construction project notification on line.

The new system:

- will increase your options for notifying construction projects to HSE
- will provide an online service for sending initial notifications to one single point in HSE
- will allow you to retrieve your notifications and make amendments to them
- will have easy to follow on-screen help
- can provide a print out of the form, for your own recording purposes and as a copy to display on site

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/form/notification/index.htm>

SIGNING THE F10 FORM

Ideally, the client (or someone from their organisation) would sign the F10 form.

However, the crucial issue is that the client is aware of their duties under the Regulations. Notifiable construction projects require the appointment of a CDM Co-ordinator. Recognising the practicalities involved, and the fact that it is the Co-ordinator's duty to give the client suitable and sufficient advice and assistance to enable them to help them comply with their CDM 2007 duties, the Regulations actually place the notification duty on the CDM Co-ordinator. It follows that in many instances the CDM Co-ordinator will be the person who signs the F10 form on behalf of the client.

It is important to be aware, however, that regardless of who signs the F10 form, the client retains their CDM 2007 duties. Any CDM Co-ordinator appointed for a particular project or projects should be competent to discharge their particular duties under CDM 2007. Their particulars will be given on the F10 notification, and it is their legal duty to notify HSE of the project and to make the client aware of their duties.

WHEN TO NOTIFY

- To notify the enforcing authority for the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2007 of any project that is likely to last longer than 30 days or involve more than 500 person days of construction work.
- Any day on which construction work is carried out (including holidays and weekends) should be counted, even if the work on that day is of short duration.
- A person day is one individual, including supervisors and specialists, carrying out construction work for one normal working shift.
- Construction work for a domestic client is **not** notifiable.

DISPLAYING THE PROJECT NOTIFICATION

The principal contractor's duty to display the project notification is contained in regulation 22 (k) of the CDM 2007 Regulations.

It says: "(k) ensure that the particulars required to be in the notice given under regulation 21 are displayed in a readable condition in a position where they can be read by any worker engaged in the construction work."

THE LEGAL POSITION REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT HAS NOT CHANGED