

The Contribution of the BS OHSAS 18001:2007 to the Compliance with EU Directives and National Legislation

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Abstract

The recent experience of Eastern countries shows that implementing an occupational management system made the process of adjusting to the newly harmonized legislation much easy. Many enterprises have implemented and certified an occupational safety management system achieving a performance that allowed them to comply with the national legislation and lay the basis for a real continual improvement. The new version of OHSAS 18001 represents an organizational instrument that helps to manage in organic and systematic way the safety and health in workplaces conditions. The parallel between the requirements of the new management systems referential and the provisions of the EU Directives help those who have a system to enforce the legal compliance while those that have not yet implemented one will use the harmonized legal requirements as a start for building a system.

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