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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom.

3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department

Health and Safety Executive

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Power-fed mobile wood chippers

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

When power fed mobile wood chippers are used they must be fitted with:

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9. Brief Statement of Grounds

During the late 1990's HSE investigated several serious accidents involving wood chippers. A review of machines on the market found that there was scope for improving the protection of workers operating wood chipping machines. In the absence of a harmonised standard (currently the relevant standard (prEN13525) is at draft stage), European Member States can apply national standards. As a result, HSE published Agriculture Information Sheet AIS38 in September 2000, which set out new requirements for wood chippers, as listed at (8), above.

Wood chipper manufacturers and suppliers were made aware of HSE's concerns, and agreed to make retrofit kits available. Wood chipper users were therefore asked to compare their machines with these requirements, and contact their manufacturer or supplier for a retrofit kit to enable the machine to meet the requirements of AIS38.

Wood chipper owners have now had over 18 months to bring their machines into line with AIS38. HSE has set a deadline of 5 December 2002, by which all power fed wood chippers must comply with AIS38. After this date, inspectors coming across machines not meeting the standards given in AIS38 will be taking increased levels of enforcement, including the possibility of immediate Prohibition Notices.



10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

i HSE Agriculture Information Sheet AIS 38
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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

No

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