



R.R.O. Information

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Introduction

The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 will come into effect in April 2006. This will be referred to as the R.R.O.

The R.R.O. applies to England and Wales.

Your Association will be issuing information and guidance in respect of this during the period leading up to its introduction.

It must be clearly understood that we don't have the resources to cover all the detail of the R.R.O. and its Guidance Notes. We are simply trying to highlight the parts that seem to us to be relevant in respect of the supply and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers, fire alarms, emergency lighting and fire safety signs.

Whilst we will do our best to assist you, you will also have to help yourself and we recommend you obtain your own copy of the R.R.O. and the Guidance Notes as they become available. We don't have the resources to print and supply these to you.

These memos will be numbered and it is recommended you hold these in a dedicated file for ease of reference. An index is enclosed for you to place at the front of the file, as a record of the subject matter of each memo.

As further information comes to hand on the subjects covered by the various memos this will be published using the original number with an alphabetical suffix.

The R.R.O. can be downloaded from the Office of the Deputy prime Minister web site (see note 002) and a series of eleven Guidance Notes have been, or will be produced. We will obtain these when issued to keep you informed.

Your Association has discussed the R.R.O. with a Partner of Shoosmiths Solicitors and he has expressed the opinion that an Enforcement Notice or Prosecution will be issued by the enforcing authority in respect of any breach of the Order.

The R.R.O. replaces almost all fire safety legislation and covers almost all businesses and business premises.

It will certainly affect all companies, and their employees who are involved in supplying and servicing fire related products and services.

The O.D.P.M. (Office of the Deputy Prime Minister) will be issuing information and guidance literature to all businesses in England and Wales and are offering a series of seminars on the subject. They are also arranging a series of seminars throughout England and Wales.

Details of these are listed in note 003.

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