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R.R.O. Part 1 – General – The Responsible Person

Article 3 – Meaning of “responsible person”.

- (a) In relation to a workplace, the employer, if the workplace is to any extent under his control
- (b) In relation to any premises not falling within paragraph (a) -
 - (i) The person who has control of the premises (as occupier or otherwise) in connection with the carrying on by him of a trade, business or other undertaking (for profit or not) or -
 - (ii) The owner, where the person in control of the premises does not have control in connection with the carrying on by that person of a trade, business or other undertaking

There will be a person who falls into the above category in every business and business premises and that person cannot avoid his responsibility.

Article 18 – Safety assistance

Any employee or contractor (including consultants) to whom he delegates responsibility is regarded as being appointed to assist him in his duties. His legal duty in respect of persons he appoints to assist him (his staff or contractors) is clearly defined as follows: -

- (1) He must, subject to paragraphs 6 & 7, appoint one or more competent persons to assist him.
- (2) He must make arrangements for the persons he appoints to co-operate.
- (3) He must ensure the number of persons appointed, the time available to them for their tasks and the means at their disposal are adequate having regard to the size of the premises and the relevant risks.
- (4) He must ensure that any person he appoints who is not in his employment is informed of factors known or suspected which affect the safety of any other person and has access to relevant information. He must also give information regarding any person working in the building that is necessary to carry out the function specified.
- (5) He may regard a person he appoints as competent where that person has sufficient training and experience or knowledge to enable him properly to carry out the assistance for which he is appointed.
- (6) & (7) This describes self-employed and partners
- (8) Where there is a competent person in the responsible person’s employment he must appoint him in preference to a competent person not in his employment.

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