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Article 15 – Procedures for serious and imminent danger and for danger areas

The responsible person must establish and, where necessary, give effect to appropriate procedures, including safety drills, to be followed in the event of serious and imminent danger to relevant persons.

He must nominate sufficient competent persons to implement the procedures put in place. These persons are to be regarded as competent for the tasks to which they are appointed by means of their training and experience or knowledge and other qualities to enable them to properly implement the evacuation procedures.

Under existing legislation fire drills must take place on a regular basis and there must be a procedure to ensure prompt and orderly evacuation in the event of an alarm.

All relevant persons in the premises must be in possession of a clear written procedure to follow in the event of an alarm (see also Article 19).

The persons who supervise and carry out evacuation procedures are “fire marshals or fire wardens”, or whatever title currently describes their role. Provided this procedure is already in place and adequate for the task, bearing in mind the size and complexity of the premises it need not be changed but must be properly described in the fire risk assessment (see Article 9).

The fire risk assessment should identify any area where access should be restricted on ground of safety. This might be because of the type of machinery, processes or substances in use or other special factors.

The risks should be clearly defined and assessed and prescribe the necessary procedures to be followed by those persons involved, their necessary training and a procedure to ensure only those persons properly trained in appropriate measures in relation to the risks involved have access to the danger area.

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