

1.8 Lofstedt review of Health & Safety 2011

Executive summary – CDM Highlights

- 200 Regulations and the 53 Approved Codes of Practice (ACoPs) are putting undue costs on business whilst doing little to improve health and safety outcomes.
- The problem lies less with the regulations themselves and more with the way they are interpreted and applied.
- “Sfarp” allows risks to be managed in a proportionate manner... however, there is general confusion over what it means in practice and many small businesses find it difficult to interpret.
- Regulations designed to address real risks are being extended to cover trivial ones... risk assessment has turned into a bureaucratic nightmare for some businesses.

I therefore recommend that HSE should review all its ACoPs. The initial phase of the review completed in June 2012 for businesses have certainty about what is planned and when changes can be anticipated.

This leads to the development of CDM 2015 regulations.