

COSHH CONSULTANCY AND BESPOKE COSHH WORKSHOPS

Sector	International
Client	A large international retail chain
Service	COSHH Consultancy Standard COSHH Workshops Bespoke COSHH Workshops
Project Days	8

CLIENT PROBLEM ?

The client was concerned that they may be neither operating in compliance with UAE law as regards to COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) nor adhering to best international practice on the subject.

Organisations in the UAE need to be aware of the current Federal and Emirate specific health and safety laws to ensure that they keep their staff and assets safe whilst also remaining compliant. Not understanding health and safety laws may leave a company exposed and liable to civil and/or criminal prosecutions.

An additional challenge for the client was that they were headquartered in Europe and without any specialist HSE resource in the Gulf region. Managing health and safety without a dedicated, trained, competent person in place is challenging. Many companies are finding substantial benefit in choosing to follow the route that this client did and outsource their HSE needs to a competent HSE Consultancy; either on a project specific or monthly retainer basis.

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Our Solution

The Corporate OHS HSE Consultant put in place a turnkey service to support the clients COSHH needs which included; the creation of policies and procedures, a manual which covered chemical waste handling, chemicals storage and disposal. The delivery of standard COSHH training and the development and delivery of a bespoke COSHH course covering spill prevention, control and countermeasures.

Summary of Outputs

Documentation - The creation of policy, procedures and manuals for chemical waste handling, storage and disposal which complied with local and international legislation.

- Introduction to hazardous chemical wastes
- Waste segregation and classification
- Classifications and labelling of unknown waste
- Hazardous waste disposal procedures
- Guidelines for the disposal of non-hazardous waste

Workshops - A standard COSHH workshop was delivered. Course material included:

- Roles and responsibilities of the employer and employee as regards chemical exposure
- Communication of hazardous substances information
- Types and forms of hazardous substances
- Effects of hazardous substances on health
- COSHH assessment
- (MSDS) Manufacturer Safety Data Sheet
- (PPE) Personal Protective Equipment
- Dealing with incidents - fire, disposal, spillage and first aid incidents

A bespoke "Spill Prevention, Control and Counter Measures" workshop taking into account the clients specific situation and challenges was developed and delivered. Course material included:

- Our environment and our duty of care
- Short video presentation (site relevant)
- Requirements of (SPCC) Spill Prevention, Control and Counter Measures Rule
- Contaminants and routes of entry
- Spill prevention
- Response planning
- Liquid hazard identification
- Spill containment and recovery
- Waste disposal and relevant national legislation
- Spill kit locations and contents
- Simulated spill exercise
- Deployment techniques for spill response products