

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

CONSTRUCTION EXPLOSIVES AND MHI DIRECTORATE

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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXPLOSIVES MANAGER

DEFINITIONS

"competent person" means a person who –

has in respect of the work or task to be performed the required

- knowledge,
- training and
- experience and, where applicable,
- qualifications, specific to that work or task: provided that where appropriate qualifications and training are registered in terms of the provisions of the National Qualification Framework Act, 2008 (Act No 67 of 2008), those qualifications and that training **must** be regarded as the required qualifications and training; and
- is familiar with the act and the applicable regulations made under the Act;

EXPLOSIVES MANAGER- A STATUTORY APPOINTEE

- Explosives Regulations
 - Regulations 4 provides for licensing of workplaces and amongst other requirements is the appointment of an Explosives Manager.
[ER4(3)(d)]
 - Regulations 12 sets out the conditions for appointing an Explosives Manager
 - Competent
 - Certificated
 - Permanent & Full-time

ROLE OF EXPLOSIVES MANAGERS

- Approval of rules, methods, materials, equipment...to be used
- Ensure personnel is informed and thoroughly trained
- Prescribe protective clothing & equipment
- Ensure that processes and equipment are safe
- NB: Is not the employer, (does not to make appointments such as supervisors and assistants).

ROLE OF EXPLOSIVES MANAGERS

- No person may enter the danger area with **radio transmitters or cellular telephones** without the **authorisation of** the explosives manager based on a risk assessment by an approved inspection authority: Provided that such devices will be used in accordance with any conditions or guidelines that may from time to time be issued by the chief inspector of occupational health and safety; **[ER6(3)(c)(iv)]**

ROLE OF EXPLOSIVES MANAGERS

CLAUSE 11 OF RF GUIDELINES DOC -NOTIFICATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND LABOUR

- Every **explosives manager** shall immediately notify the chief inspector and the **provincial chief inspector** in writing of-
 - any proposed radio frequency device inside the danger area prior to commencement of such installation thereof; and
 - any existing radio frequency device in the existing explosives workplace.
- Every **explosives manager** intending to introduce radio frequency devices inside the danger area shall notify the **chief inspector** within 90 working days of the promulgation of these regulations.

ROLE OF EXPLOSIVES MANAGERS

- Notification of radio frequency devices in the danger area shall include-
- Radio Frequency declared or test results;
- Risk Assessment report;
- Radio frequency device placement site plan; and
- Explosives manager plan to manage the radio frequency device,

VALUE TO THE SECTOR

- Competency
- Accountability/Responsibility
- Organisation – order- systems
- Technically sound approach to decision making
- **Safety**

APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR EXPLOSIVES MANAGERS

- Submit
 - Application (letter)
 - Confirmation of employment
 - CV – signed by applicant, Supervisor & employer
 - Qualifications
 - SAPS criminal clearance
 - Proof of payment
- Valid for 2 years
- Fees: R150.00

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