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VPB (Dutch CoESS member) - Security Quality Mark: version 2 now in force



VPB, the Dutch private security association, active member of CoESS, developed a new version of its quality mark for private security companies. On June 18, 2009 the new version was approved by the VPB members and entered into force on July 1, 2009. The most important changes compared to the first version are as follows: some additional requirements relating to aggression and violence at the workplace were added, emphasis is put on socially responsible undertaking and requirements vis-à-vis the entrepreneur. Furthermore, the percentage required to achieve the quality mark was raised from 60% to 70%. All scored questions relating to integrity will become obligatory criteria.

- ➔ Source: VPB Checklist | June 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the VPB website (Dutch): http://www.vpb.nl/searchnews_nl.html?id=69&articleType=2.

VPB (Dutch CoESS member) - Industry Scan 2008



Each year, an independent research agency conducts an industry scan for VPB, the Dutch private security association, active member of CoESS. The 2008 industry scan shows that the Dutch private security market continued to grow in 2008. Earnings and turnover rose with more than 10%. VPB members were also asked about their expectations for the first quarter of 2009. Nearly 45% of all respondents indicate that a significant decrease in turnover is expected compared to the first quarter of 2008. These are most likely the first tangible effects of the economic and financial crisis.

- ➔ Source: VPB | June 2009
- ➔ To review the Industry Scan 2008, please consult the VPB website (Dutch): http://www.vpb.nl/media/Branchescan_2008.pdf.

SNES (French CoESS member) - Professional aptitude compulsory for private security managers



Prior professional aptitude is compulsory for both private security guards and managers of private security companies in accordance with the French internal security law (LOPSI - Loi d'Orientation et de Programmation pour la Sécurité Intérieure) of March 18, 2003 and its implementing orders of September 6, 2005 and August 3, 2007. SNES, the French private security association, active member of CoESS, has developed a specialised qualification for private security managers (APD-ESP or 'Aptitude Professionnelle Dirigeant d'Entreprise de Sécurité Privée') to adequately answer this requirement. The qualification procedure fits into SNES' structure AS2P, aimed at increasing professionalism of private security personnel.

- ➔ Source: SNES | July 1, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the SNES website: http://www.e-snes.org/i_zip/cp_as2p.pdf.

Inaugural meeting of BSIA (UK CoESS member) Close Protection Section



The British Security Industry Association (BSIA), active member of CoESS, held the inaugural meeting of its new Close Protection Section. The section has been formed to provide representation for companies providing close protection services within the UK. During its inaugural meeting, David Allison, Managing Director of Octaga Security Services Ltd was elected as the Section's Chairman. David Allison comments: "It is an honour to have been elected as the first Chairman of the BSIA's Close Protection Section. This Section has brought together quality companies who wish to raise the profile of close protection services in the UK and communicate through a professional trade association to key stakeholders

such as the regulator, government and police.”

→ Source: BSIA | July 9, 2009

→ For further information, please consult the BSIA website: <http://www.bsia.co.uk/home/NQ2MIO245351?backlinktype=home>.

BusinessEurope - European Employers' Network meeting - July 10, 2009 (Brussels)

On July 10, 2009 CoESS actively participated in BusinessEurope's European Employers' Network (EEN) meeting. Topics tabled included: update and exchange of views on the European Commission's social partner consultation on working time, activities in the cross-industry social dialogue (negotiations on inclusive labour markets, joint work ECJ rulings and parental leave), activities in the Sectoral Social Dialogue and update on other social affairs dossiers such as: immigration, solvency and pension funds, health and safety, education and training, non-discrimination, pregnant workers and transnational company agreements.

News from the CoESS Working Committees

CoESS Working Committee Social Dialogue - Effective approaches to tackling third party violence in the workplace

On July 1, 2009 a joint employers/trade unions working group meeting was organised to discuss the draft findings of the respective third party violence projects and to help prepare the joint conference that will take place on October 22, 2009 in Brussels.

→ To review the autonomous framework agreement on dealing with violence and harassment in the workplace, please consult the European Commission website:

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/news/2007/apr/harassment_violence_at_work_en.pdf.

CoESS Working Committee Social Dialogue - Tackling work-related stress in the EU: lessons learned from the European social partners' agreement



On July 2, 2009 CoESS actively participated in the conference organised by the European Commission in Brussels to discuss the lessons learned from the implementation of the European social partners' autonomous framework agreement on work-related stress. The agreement that followed a Commission consultation was concluded in 2004. In the meantime, the European social partners have reported on the implementation measures that were taken in accordance with industrial relations practices in the Member States. Psychosocial risks and mental health at the workplace are high on the political agenda and the Community strategy 2007-2012 on health and safety at work calls for conclusions from the assessment of the European framework agreement. The conference was the occasion to discuss the role which Social Dialogue can play in the EU governance approach and how it can deliver concrete results with regard to tackling work-related stress. The conference was attended by representatives of social partners, public authorities and international organisations and experts in the fields of industrial relations and occupational health.

→ Source: European Commission | July 2, 2009

→ For further information, please consult the European Commission website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=88&langId=en&eventsId=187&furtherEvents=yes>.

European Sectoral Social Dialogue Working Group Meeting - July 6, 2009 (Brussels)

On July 6, 2009 a European Sectoral Social Dialogue Working Group Meeting was organised between the social partners of the private security sector, presided by the European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. The agenda focused on the various Social Dialogue themes and projects that are currently being conducted: training module for cross-border Cash-in-Transit services, European Commission White Paper on Professional Cross-Border Transportation of Euro Cash by Road between Member States in the Euro Area, provisional joint CoESS/UNI europa Working Programme for 2009-2010, mobility project entitled 'Practical guidelines for the movement of private security guards within the European Union and between the European Union and third countries', outcomes of the joint UNI europa/CoESS 5th Private Security Conference 'From Brussels to the Workplace', Modernisation of Work Organisation or MOWO project, state of play on third party violence projects, Social

Considerations in Public Procurement, CoESS' Slovenian member federation's project 'European Social Dialogue and Current National Development in the New Member and Candidate Countries' Private Security Industry'.

- ➔ The minutes of the European Sectoral Social Dialogue Working Group Meeting of July 6, 2009 will soon be made available on the CoESS intranet site: <http://coess.org/intranet/login.php>. Please note that you will have to login to be able to consult the document. In case you have any difficulties logging in, please contact the CoESS General Secretariat.

News from ASSA-I (Aviation Security Services Association International)

Worldwide airline losses to hit \$9 billion in 2009

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has revised its industry net loss forecast for 2009 down from a \$4.7 billion loss predicted in March 2009 to a \$9.0 billion loss, as the revenue and demand environment continues to weaken. A widening in expected losses by Asia Pacific and North American carriers were the main drivers of the almost doubling in IATA's loss estimate for the industry this year. IATA also revised its loss estimate for 2008 to \$10.4 billion from the previous estimate of \$8.5 billion.

- ➔ Source: International Air Transport Association (IATA) | June 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the IATA website: <http://www.iata.org/pressroom/pr/2009-06-08-01.htm>.

European Commission wants world aviation blacklist

The European Commission wants to create a global blacklist of unsafe airlines, following the June 30, 2009 fatal crash of a Yemeni aircraft with 153 people on board. The EU already has its own blacklist, but the Commission would like to see a similar system worldwide. Antonio Tajani, the European Commissioner for Transport, will meet officials at the International Air Transport Association, which represents the airline industry. Tajani is also looking at Europe's rail safety rules following the derailment of a freight train carrying gas tanks in the Italian town of Viareggio on June 29, 2009. The Commissioner said that he was considering changing the rules, so that safety checks take place after a certain distance travelled, rather than the current system of checks once every six years.

- ➔ Source: European Voice | July 2, 2009

'Clean Sky' gets off the ground despite initial delay

The € 6.1 billion European programme to drive the aviation sector towards more environmentally-friendly development is now on track, according to Allan Cook, President of the Aerospace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD). Speaking at ASD's annual press conference on July 2, 2009, Cook revealed that his industry would supply half of the € 1.6 billion programme, with the European Commission providing the other half. Cook announced that the industry's carbon reduction target, as set by the Advisory Council for Aeronautics Research in Europe (ACARE), aims to reduce CO2 emissions and noise by 50% on 2000 levels for new aircraft entering into service in the year 2020.

- ➔ Source: Aerospace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD) | July 2, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the ASD website: http://extranet.asd-europe.org/docs/3/HBGHJFCCHPHHLLKHIDHBCLC3A1CKJ4DPCB34D73PDBG/ASD/docs/DLS/ASD_PR_02_07_09-2009-01110-01.pdf.

EU signs aviation agreement with Azerbaijan

On July 7, 2009 the European Union and the Republic of Azerbaijan signed an aviation agreement which will give all European airlines the possibility to fly between any EU Member State and Azerbaijan. The Agreement will be the basis to further strengthen aviation relations between the partners. "The agreement recognises that airlines in the EU are not any longer national airlines, and all of them will thus have non-discriminatory access to the air transport market between the EU and Azerbaijan. This is an important step in our external aviation policy and a further building block in our policy towards neighbouring countries," said Commission Vice-President Antonio Tajani, responsible for transport.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | July 7, 2009

- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Commission website:
<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1091&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=nl>.

Commission updates the list of airlines banned from European airspace

On July 14, 2009 the European Commission adopted the eleventh update of the Community's list of airlines banned in the European Union which comprises those of two additional countries. With this update, the ban imposed upon five airlines is lifted given satisfactory improvements in safety.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | July 14, 2009
- ➔ To review the new list, please consult the European Commission website: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/list_en.htm.

Airport traffic: flat growth in 2008

A record number of 1,357 airports, representing approximately 98 percent of global airport traffic, contributed to the 2008 ACI World Airport Traffic Report, released on July 27, 2009. The total number of arriving and departing passengers rose to 4.874 billion passengers, compared to 4.869 billion in 2007, for a marginal growth of 0.1 percent for the year. International passenger traffic, which accounts for 42 percent of global traffic, was up by 2.4 percent for the year as compared to a decline of 1.4 percent in domestic traffic.

- ➔ Source: Airports Council International (ACI) | July 27, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the ACI website:
http://www.aci.aero/aci/aci/file/Press%20Releases/2009/PR_WATR2008_270709.pdf.

EU rules out airline bans for suspected swine flu patients



Airlines may not arbitrarily prevent potential swine flu sufferers from boarding an aircraft, the European Commission has said, pointing out that sick passengers should get extra compensation if not allowed on a plane. The message from the EU's key regulator came in a list of advice for passengers for the vacation period, published on July 30, 2009, just as the Commission itself is due to set off for the last summer break.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | July 30, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Commission website:
<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=MEMO/09/356&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>.

News from the European Union

Is the PSA working for you? - Survey carried out by the Irish Security Industry Association (ISIA)

Feedback from the Irish Security Industry Association's (ISIA) member companies would suggest that there is a growing disquiet among the security industry with regard to the Irish Private Security Authority (PSA) in particular on the issue of unlicensed operators and the enforcement of licensing. In order to validate these claims or indeed disprove them, the ISIA conducted a survey in June 2009 to look specifically at: the licensing process, enforcement, and communication with the PSA. The ISIA also compared the results with those from a similar survey it conducted in 2007.

- ➔ Source: Irish Security Industry Association (ISIA) | June 2009
- ➔ To review the results of the survey, please consult the ISIA website:
http://www.isia.ie/isia/Main/2009_PSA_Survey_results.htm.

Wearing of identity badges compulsory from September 1, 2009 (Ireland)

From September 1, 2009 all licensed Irish door supervisors and security guards will be required to wear an identity badge when working. With the introduction of regulations bringing into effect section 30 of the Private Security Services Act 2004, the wearing of identity badges will become mandatory for all licensee holders. Licence holders can opt to wear their existing licence card as their identity badge or opt for a badge provided by their employer. A badge provided by an employer must comply with the guidelines on cards set out by the Private Security Authority. Licence holders must wear the identity card where it can be seen at all times when working. A licence can be suspended or revoked if this condition is not met. The front of the badge showing the photograph and licence number must be displayed. Store detectives, whose duties require them not to be immediately identifiable to the public, are exempt from wearing the badge. However, they are required to carry the licence with them at all times while on duty.

- ➔ Source: Irish Security Industry Association (ISIA) | June 2009
- ➔ To review the Authority guidelines, please consult the Private Security Authority (PSA) website:
[http://www.psa.gov.ie/Website/psa/psa.nsf/28E4ADFE08A18003802575D900469D45/\\$file/ID%20Badge%20Guidelines.pdf](http://www.psa.gov.ie/Website/psa/psa.nsf/28E4ADFE08A18003802575D900469D45/$file/ID%20Badge%20Guidelines.pdf).

German court gives conditional green light to Lisbon Treaty



Germany's highest court ruled that the EU's new Treaty is compatible with German law, so long as the role of the national parliament in EU decision-making is strengthened. "The German constitution says yes to the Lisbon Treaty, but on a national level, the parliament has to have a stronger say in EU matters," Vice-President of the German constitutional court, Andreas Vosskuhle, said on June 30, 2009 after reading the verdict.

- ➔ Source: Bundesverfassungsgericht | June 30, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the Bundesverfassungsgericht website:
<http://www.bundesverfassungsgericht.de/pressemitteilungen/bvg09-072en.html>.

Turkey takes small step forward in EU membership talks



Turkey took another small step in its slow EU membership negotiations on June 30, 2009 by getting the green light to open discussions in a new policy area. "We have opened chapter 16 on taxation, an important chapter and a significant one on Turkey's path towards the European Union," Czech Foreign Minister Jan Kohout said at a press conference in Brussels.

- ➔ Source: Czech EU Presidency | June 30, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the Czech EU Presidency website:
<http://www.eu2009.cz/en/news-and-documents/news/the-czech-presidency-works-until-very-last-day-26647/>.

EU defence contracts to become more transparent



On July 1, 2009 a code of conduct came into force in 25 EU Member States and Norway bringing more transparency in defence procurement contracts. To be implemented by the European Defence Agency (EDA), the EU's intergovernmental cooperation body on military procurements, the code will set standards for side-deals made by national governments when they sign defence contracts. The new code will not do away with offsets altogether, but aims to mitigate their adverse impact on the market by channelling the side-investments into research and technology projects in the defence industry and by capping offsets to 100 percent of the value of the contract.

- ➔ Source: European Defence Agency (EDA) | July 1, 2009

➔ For further information, please consult the EDA website: <http://www.eda.europa.eu/offsets/>.

The Swedish Presidency of the EU is launched!



On July 1, 2009 the Swedish Presidency of the EU was launched. Now Sweden is in the driving seat of the world's largest integrated economy with nearly half a billion citizens. "It's going to be a very exciting six months, but the task before us is not an easy one. I'm looking forward to tackling the autumn's challenges together," said Sweden's Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt.

- ➔ Source: Swedish EU Presidency | July 1, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the Swedish EU Presidency website: http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings_news/2009/7/1/the_swedish_presidency_of_the_eu_is_launched.

Statement by the Employees Group - Working Time Directive: no deterioration in working conditions!

At the Group's extraordinary meeting on July 1, 2009, the Group President, Georges Dassis, welcomed the new members of the European Parliament and called for Parliament's decisions concerning the Working Time Directive to be respected. "We are currently particularly concerned about the Commission's repeated attempts to relaunch a new consultation on a revised version of the Working Time Directive," stated Dassis.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | July 1, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Commission website: <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=CES/09/90&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>.

Ireland announces Lisbon referendum date



Just over a year after Ireland's shock rejection of the Lisbon Treaty, Dublin announced that a second referendum on the charter will take place on October 2, 2009. The move comes after the Irish government secured agreement from other Member States on a package of guarantees on interpretation of the Treaty in the areas of neutrality, tax sovereignty and social and ethical issues. These areas had been identified as ones where there was confusion among Irish voters about the implications of the Treaty.

- ➔ Source: EUobserver | July 8, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the EUobserver website: <http://euobserver.com/9/28429/?rk=1>.

Maritime sector: European Commission looking for joint actions to tackle economic crisis

On July 7-8, 2009 the European Commission held a two-day discussion with representatives from Member States, captains of maritime transport and the European Investment Bank in order to discuss the impact of the economic crisis on maritime transport industries. Together they reviewed the contribution of European actions aimed at helping the sector cope with and overcome difficulties resulting from the economic crisis. The discussions took place in the framework of the annual meeting of stakeholders and experts on Short Sea Shipping and Motorways of the Sea, gathering also accession and EFTA countries and Shortsea promotion centres.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | July 8, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Commission website: <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1104&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>.

Council decides to nominate José Manuel Durão Barroso as the person it intends to appoint as President of the European Commission for 2009-2014

Following the European Council on June 18-19, 2009, the Council, in the composition of Heads of State or Government, adopted on July 9, 2009 a decision nominating José Manuel Durão Barroso as the person the Council intends to appoint as President of the Commission for the period from November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2014. The decision was forwarded to the European Parliament.

- ➔ Source: Council of the European Union | July 9, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the Council of the European Union website:
http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/gena/109152.pdf.

July 2009 monthly monitor on the EU employment situation and social outlook



On July 10, 2009 the European Commission published its latest data regarding the EU employment situation and social outlook covering the period up to May/June 2009. Unemployment continued to rise in May 2009, though more moderately than in the first four months of the year, with men and young people continuing to be hit particularly hard. Overall unemployment rose by 385,000 to reach 21.5 million, an increase of 5.1 million (or almost a third) compared to May 2008. However, while hard data have so far remained depressed and the outlook for the labour market in coming months remains bleak, there are increasing signs that the pace of economic deterioration is moderating and that confidence among businesses and consumers, although remaining pessimistic, is improving. The July 2009 monitoring report includes a special focus on the electricity and gas sector.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | July 10, 2009
- ➔ To review the July 2009 monthly monitor report, please consult the European Commission website:
<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=120&langId=en>.

Pole takes EU Parliament chair in 'historic' move

Former Polish Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek was elected European Parliament President on July 14, 2009, becoming the first politician from a former communist country to lead an EU Institution. Buzek was elected in the first round of voting with a comfortable majority of 555 votes against the 89 cast for Swedish MEP Eva-Britt Svensson of the GUE/NGL group. His election in Strasbourg was described as 'historic' by European Commission President José Manuel Barroso, as Buzek becomes the first politician to represent one of the former communist states of Central and Eastern Europe.

- ➔ Source: European Parliament | July 14, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Parliament website:
http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/expert/infopress_page/008-58064-195-07-29-901-20090713IPR58063-14-07-2009-2009-false/default_en.htm.

Commission proposes visa free travel for citizens from the Western Balkans

The European Commission's longstanding commitment to visa free travel for the people of the Western Balkans was confirmed on July 15, 2009 with the adoption of a proposal for granting visa free travel to the citizens of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia. Today's proposal enables the citizens of these three countries to travel to the Schengen countries with the new biometric passports. The Commission's proposal needs to be approved by the Council after having consulted the European Parliament. The Commission remains committed to visa liberalisation for the citizens of Albania and Bosnia & Herzegovina too. However, these countries have not yet fulfilled the conditions to be included in the July 15, 2009 proposal. If the pace of reforms is maintained and if all the conditions are fulfilled, the Commission could envisage making a new proposal including these countries by mid-2010.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | July 15, 2009

- ➔ For further information, please consult the European Commission website: <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1138&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=nl>.

Euro area annual inflation down to -0.1%

Euro area annual inflation was -0.1% in June 2009, down from 0.0% in May 2009. A year earlier, the rate was 4.0%. Monthly inflation was 0.2% in June 2009. EU annual inflation was 0.6% in June 2009, down from 0.8% in May 2009. A year earlier, the rate was 4.3%. Monthly inflation was 0.2% in June 2009.

- ➔ Source: Eurostat | July 15, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the Eurostat website: http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_PUBLIC/2-15072009-AP/EN/2-15072009-AP-EN.PDF.

European Commission White Paper on Professional Cross-Border Transportation of Euro Cash by Road between Member States in the Euro Area

Following the publication of the European Commission's White Paper on Professional Cross-Border Transportation of Euro Cash by Road between Member States in the Euro area and its request for comments, the European Commission will publish all stakeholder responses on the Commission's website.

- ➔ Source: European Commission | July 17, 2009
- ➔ To review all stakeholder responses, please consult the European Commission website: http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/thematic_articles/article15105_en.htm.
- ➔ To review the European Commission White Paper, please consult the European Commission website: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2009:0214:FIN:EN:PDF>.

Eurochambres survey on the implementation of the Services Directive in EU Member States

On July 22, 2009 Eurochambres, the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry, published its fifth study on the implementation of the Services Directive in EU Member States.

- ➔ Source: Eurochambres | July 22, 2009
- ➔ To review the Eurochambres study, please consult the Eurochambres website: <http://www.eurochambres.eu/content/default.asp?PageID=1&DocID=1917>.

EU kickstarts Iceland's accession

On July 27, 2009 EU Foreign Ministers meeting in Brussels are expected to accept Iceland's application to join the European Union and ask the European Commission to draft an opinion.

- ➔ Source: Swedish EU Presidency | July 27, 2009
- ➔ For further information, please consult the Swedish EU Presidency website: http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings_news/2009/7/23/iceland_and_the_eu_set_out_together.

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