

ATEX 137



ATEX 137 USER DIRECTIVE

For the first time ever a Directive has been introduced within the European Community that sets out **MANDATORY HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS** for owners of sites containing potentially explosive atmospheres.



The Directive was applicable from 1st July 2003 for new, or modified installations and is fully enforceable from **1st July 2006** for all existing installations.

The Directive includes the need to:

- Correctly, assess the explosion risks
- Provide a complete documented analysis of the risks
- Make an accurate assessment of all sources of ignition and explosive materials
- Compile area classification documentation
- Ensure equipment is correctly selected, installed and maintained
- Implement a regular inspection and maintenance program and document the results
- Provide adequate training in explosion protection techniques
- Provide documentary evidence that the correct standards are applied

In addition to the statutory requirements, cost effective plant operation is a key requirement for all users of equipment in potentially explosive atmospheres.



Ex-**PERTS** can assist you in providing the most cost effective implementation of the **ATEX USER Directive**.



Ex-**PERTS** can offer a range of services in this area including:

- Reviewing/revising client company documentation in accordance with the new Directive.
- Provision of a complete training service, including:
 - Competency assessments
 - Training needs analysis
 - Training delivery

In addition, Ex-**PERTS** Engineers represent the UK's interests on various European standards committees concerned with **ATmospheres EXplosibles**.

