



## **Notice to all forest industry companies, forestry organisations and individuals**

### **Chainsaw operator and supervisor refresher training compliance is announced**

***Refresher training is to become a mandatory requirement for all chainsaw operators and supervisors, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.***

Members of the UK Forest Industry Safety Accord have agreed that, with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013, all chainsaw operators and supervisors working on forest sites will be required to evidence that they have had refresher update training on the use and operation of the chainsaw. Refresher training will now be required at least once every five years from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

This compliance formalises an existing legal expectation of employers and the self-employed having adequately trained and competent operators and to demonstrate refresher training being provided at recommended intervals, particularly when using high risk machinery, including chainsaws (reference: AFAG/FISA guides 805).

#### **The requirements of refresher training compliance can be met in a number of ways.**

1. By providing evidence of having attended a suitable training course at an appropriate level between 1st Oct 2008 and 1st Oct 2013 and **delivered by a recognised Training body.**
2. By attendance of a recognised Chainsaw Operator Refresher Course (e.g. a Lantra Awards or independent training provider course) **only if the course has been delivered by a FISA registered trainer.**  
(A list of FISA registered trainers can be viewed on the FISA website)
3. By attendance on a FISA refresher update training course (felling, wind-blow, basic or supervisor) **delivered by a FISA-registered trainer** – see FISA website

#### **So what do you need to do next?**

- Firstly, speak with your employer or forest works manager, so that he is aware of your status. He should be able to assist you in registering any previous suitable training, or to apply and arranging for an appropriate FISA course.
- Visit the FISA website, which provides all the detail for registering and making these applications for training.
- If you do not have internet access, then please call the FISA office and they will post out the appropriate application and registration forms for you to complete.

**For more information go to: [www.ukfisa.com](http://www.ukfisa.com)  
Or telephone FISA on: 0131 240 1410**

**Remember: Refresher compliance is required  
by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013**