



Safety Bulletin

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Forestry & Land Scotland working safely and contract management

At the FISA Steering Group meeting on 19th March 2019, a member raised a concern over a contractual dispute relating to unsafe chainsaw working on the National Forest & Land, managed by Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS).

After investigation, the member's complaint was upheld. After apologising to the member for the distress caused, immediate steps were taken to put things right, learn and avoid a similar situation happening again.

Although such occurrences are rare, FLS genuinely welcomes challenges from its customers and its suppliers over any potentially unsafe practices on the National Forest & Land. All FLS sales, services and works contracts contain standard clauses for arbitration or the settlement of disputes. These include means of escalation, if contractual disputes on rare occasions cannot be resolved promptly and in good faith by the respective contract managers.

I am grateful to the member for bringing this matter to my attention.

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