

Legislation

The gas regulators supplied by IMI Cornelius comply with the various requirements of the legislation pertaining to dispense of drinks by pressure systems.

The pressure systems used for the storage and dispense of draught beers, soft drinks, wines and ciders are simple but they must comply with specified legislation.

The following Regulations concern the pressure systems, installation and control and the components used in their assembly:

- 1) The Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2000 (SI2000 No. 128)
- 2) The Pressure Equipment Regulations 1999 (SI 1999 No.2001)
- 3) "The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2004" (SI 2004 No. 568)

Notes on BBPA Code of Practice Competent Person

It is important that retailers, licensees, design engineers, contractors, owners and users of such equipment understand their responsibilities for the safety of pressure systems.

The Code of Practice for the Dispense of Beer by Pressure Systems in Licensed Premises (updated 2005) has been produced by the British Beer and Pub Association to assist the above mentioned persons to comply with the Pressure Regulations requirements.

The Code clearly suggests the mechanical and organisational requirements for fixed installations to enable compliance with the regulations.

Although primarily intended for fixed (cellar) installations it refers to the need for similar controls on mobile/portable installations.

To enable these controls to operate and ensure safe use of pressure dispense equipment it defines certain responsibilities for "Authorised" persons, "Competent" persons, owners and users of pressure systems.

Of these the most important is the "Competent" person who must have sound practical and theoretical knowledge of the pressure systems and allied equipment used in beer dispense and the appropriate legislation.

Such a person will be able to detect errors or deficiencies in any proposed design, and identify those elements of the system which will require periodic examination.

He/she will also draw up and/or certify that the written scheme and examination process are adequate.

Related Documents

- a) "Code of Practice for the Dispense of Beer by Pressure Systems in Licensed Premises 1994", published by Brewing Publications Ltd, June 1994.
- b) "Code of Practice for the Dispense of Beer by Pressure Systems in Licensed Premises 2005", published by Brewing Publications Ltd, January 2005.
- c) "Instructions for the Safe Operation of Gas Pressure Systems used in the Dispensing of Beers and Lagers", published by Brewing Publications Ltd, April 1998.
- d) "Code of Practice for the Dispense of Soft Drinks by Pressure Systems", published by British Soft Drinks Association December 2005. 3rd edition.