# **FDEM**

FEDERATION OF DECONTAMINATION EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS
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## **AIMS**

- General:
- To promote best practice in the Decontamination supplies market
- To allow the spread of knowledge in relation to:
  - Equipment manufacture
  - New technologies
  - Limits of technologies
- Specific:
- To act as a "Kite Mark" for decontamination manufacture, supplies, servicing and testing.
- To seek clarification on current standards and input manufacturer specific knowledge to current standards.
- To issue guidance on manufacturer specific knowledge and the use of equipment.
- To gain stakeholder (HSE, Contractor, Other Agency) guidance on relevant standards and new approaches and methodologies.

## WHY?

- No extant organisation representing the manufacturers and equipment supplies
- We are an independent group; our interest lies in best practice.
- The supplies industry (historically) has been fragmented.
- Current issues within the servicing, testing and supplies markets which cause risk for workers and reduce standards.
- Huge amounts of change in technology and a lack of understanding of exiting technology means we need to act now in order to protect workers in the future.
- Change in the leadership within the supplies sector means we are now ready to sit down and talk to each other, other stakeholders and our customers.
- A UK, EUROPEAN and EVENTUALLY GLOBAL ORGANISATION

## WHO?

- Founder Member Board: 6 companies (now 4) responsible for 75% of the equipment in circulation between Dundee and Dunedin (95% of all UK equipment is covered by these manufacturers: 85% after the two leavers).
  - Company has a permanent seat on the board of the Federation WHILST it fulfils the requirements of being a full member.
- Full members: (I co. in application) to be a full member you must have a maintenance licence AND manufacture at least one of: Negative pressure units, Decon systems complete or Hclass Vacuum cleaners.
  - Company's have the right to attend all meetings and contribute to all discussions; after one year of membership may apply
    for a position on the board.
- **Associate Member**: (3 co. in application) to be an associate member you must have a maintenance licence OR be a manufacturer of decontamination equipment.
  - Have a right to attend all meetings and raise/contribute to discussion areas in which their area of business pertains.
- **Affiliate Members:** (a number in discussions) affiliate members must just have a relationship to the decontamination industries.
  - Have the right to attend some meetings during the year and to present subject to board approval.

### KITE MARK

#### AIM:

- To increase the standards and consistency within the decontamination supplies, service, testing and repair market.
- HOW:
- Alongside the regulatory maintenance licence members must uphold a code of best practice in both manufacture and servicing.
- Complaint line and investigation procedure
- Competency frameworks and manufacturer best knowledge built into equipment service, test and repair.
- Auditable standards in manufacturing and the provision of information with respect to manufactured equipment.
  - E.G. Negative pressure speed controllers and double motor units
- Regular updates and best practice notes in respect of available equipment.

## KITE MARK - CONT

- Full members (including founder members) can use the kite mark subject meeting the criteria
- Associate Members can use the kite mark subject to meeting the criteria
- Affiliate members can display the FDEM logo on their website/marketing materials but can not use the kite mark.

## WHAT WE HAVE DONE SO FAR

- Three meetings
- Admin:
- Agreed constitution, membership details, Federation structure, fees banking etc.
- Contacted potential full members UK, Europe and some Global affiliates.
- Started the process of contacting associate and affiliate members in the UK and Europe
- Website to be up by 15/06/2016.
- Technical:
- Agreed dissemination methodologies (HSE forums, website, email, social media)
- Discussion points: (overleaf)

## WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR - CONT

- Live Airflow agreement of accuracy
- Water filtration standards agreement of wording clarification
- Pressure monitoring guidance agreement metric is MOST accurate (above airflow) and a critical safety measure
- Airflow testing standard investigation into accuracy
- HEPA filtration guidance conflicts further work required
- Started work on the competency framework for servicing
- Discussions around live reporting
- Discussions around fibre monitoring
- Speed controller discussion
- Multiple motor discussion



# **QUESTIONS**

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