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Foreword

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 had just passed through Parliament when the last edition was prepared. Subsequently many regulations were made to repeal, amend or otherwise adapt the existing legislation on safety in factories, mines and other places. The effect of these regulations has been incorporated in this edition. There are also a number of interlinked orders and regulations made under the 1974 Act which extend the Fire Precautions Act 1971 to all places of work.

There are three new codes of regulations for safety in diving operations—one for oil rigs ('offshore installations'), one for pipe-lines, and a third which covers diving not only from ships but also in inland waters.

The Protection of Eyes Regulations 1974 are particularly important because they apply to all places and operations subject to the Factories Act, and there are unfortunately many eye accidents.

The Offshore Installations (Operational Safety, Health and Welfare) Regulations 1976 (S.I. 1976 No. 1019) provide a comprehensive safety code for oil rigs, and there are a number of associated regulations.

The Limitation Act 1975 is summarised in Chapter 25, on pleading and practice, and other parts of this Chapter have been rewritten.

The case law is mostly on points of detail under construction regulations, coal mining and fencing of machinery.

The law is stated as at 31st December 1978.

JOHN MUNKMAN
31st March 1979

Extract from Foreword to Fourth Edition

The aim of this book is to give the legal profession a reliable and comprehensive text-book on liability for accidents at work : at the same time special efforts have been made to keep the text clear and intelligible for readers who are not expert in legal terminology, and by express request there is a short glossary of legal terms in Appendix I.

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