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**Title: NEPIC Focal Point: Manufacturers urged to take stock**

### MANUFACTURERS URGED TO TAKE STOCK OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES ON THE HORIZON



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Lorien Engineering Solutions is urging UK machine manufacturers, suppliers and importers to ensure they are geared up to meet the requirements of yet more EU legislation which comes into force at the end of this year.

The company, which specialises in engineering design and project management, is warning that when the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC becomes law on 29 December, the existing Directive will be repealed immediately and, unusually, there WON'T be a transition period.

Lorien's compliance consultant Tony Reynolds explained: "On the face of it the two Directives appear similar, but there are in fact some significant technical and administrative changes that will affect all machine manufacturers, system integrators and those importing machines from outside the European Union.

"Manufacturers of partly completed machinery will have additional duties placed on them and must now formally issue a Declaration of Incorporation, create a technical file and supply comprehensive assembly instructions stating how to incorporate the machine.

"Duties on machine importers have also been expanded," he added, "as they will need to have a technical file in Europe and this location must be identified on the Declaration of Conformity / Incorporation that they are responsible for issuing."

Mr Reynolds pointed out that manufacturers and importers particularly need to take heed of the fact that because there won't be a transition period, they will need to be fully geared up to comply as soon as the new Directive comes into force.

Based in the Midlands, Lorien has a staff of more than 70 specialists who design and deliver manufacturing projects in the brewing, drinks, food and pharmaceutical industries. Other areas of specialism are manufacturing performance improvement, sustainability and health & safety consultancy.



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