

## Regulatory Legal Services Scheme

When you find yourself in a crisis or need investigatory advice on regulatory issues (including environmental law, health and safety, food safety, licensing or anti-bribery and corruption), an experienced lawyer is available to you 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Regulatory issues can have a huge impact on the fortunes of your business. Why? Because regulations have become more complex, regulators more focused and the consequences of breaches more severe.

Criminal investigations and prosecutions brought under environmental, health and safety, food safety and licensing legislation now attract substantial (and in many cases, unlimited) fines, with an increasing number of custodial sentences being imposed on directors, employers and employees. Apart from the criminal consequences, a prosecution may also have far-reaching commercial effects on your business.

Help is at hand – Comply Direct have operated as a Producer Compliance Scheme for 10 years and take on the legal obligations of over 1,000 producers. We can now also provide a one-stop shop when regulatory action is being considered. We have selected Squire Patton Boggs as our recommended provider of legal expertise for regulatory investigations and prosecutions to our members.

Squire Patton Boggs has a fully-integrated team committed to providing you with the best possible service. Whether you find yourself in a crisis or need investigatory advice, an experienced lawyer is available to you 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



### **Environmental incident, accident or regulatory investigation?**

Squire Patton Boggs has a 24/7 Incident Support Hotline. For more information, contact [ESH@squirepb.com](mailto:ESH@squirepb.com)

### **Squire Patton Boggs' Expertise**

**Expert Advice:** You will have access to some of the best known experts in the field across the country through our preferred supplier. The firm's experts have valuable insight into the problems being faced by businesses in the manufacturing and industrial sectors. Their team includes specialists with higher rights of audience in the Crown Court and experience in prosecution of a duty holder on behalf of a utility company .

**Know-How:** To keep you up-to-date on regulatory law and practice, the Legal Services Scheme will provide you with legal updates and other information on environmental, health and safety, food safety and licensing topics.

*"Squire Patton Boggs excels at providing comprehensive, sound advice in relation to workplace manslaughter, HSE, Environment Agency, local authority and trading standards prosecutions."* *Legal 500 2015*

## Your Service Offer From Squire Patton Boggs

### Regulatory and Civil Disputes

- Advice on all aspects of criminal investigations, interviews under caution and prosecutions relating to health & safety at work, environmental pollution, waste management and disposal, packaging waste and CLP requirements, WEEE, public health, food safety and information, statutory nuisances (including noise, vapour, dust and odour), breach of consents, licences, permits and authorisations and product liability and labelling.
- Civil litigation in connection with environmental pollution, contaminated land, waste management and disposal, workplace accidents and fatalities, chemical spills, claims for damages and injunctions.
- Advice on civil and criminal liability of directors, company officers and other employees.
- Comprehensive coverage of food and drink laws, including food safety, information and allergen rules, labelling, hygiene and HACCP requirements, health and nutrition claims, notification, withdrawal and recall obligations.
- Advice on corporate manslaughter and advice and representation at coroners' inquests and fatal accident inquiries.
- Advice on product recall and/or withdrawal from the market.
- Strategic assistance to retail and hospitality businesses licensing alcohol, entertainment and/or hot food/ hot drink; and representation at local authority Committee hearings and magistrates' court appeals for contested licence applications.
- Applications, appeals and judicial reviews relating to all environmental permits.
- Advice on professional liability issues.
- Negotiating the terms of prohibition, improvement, abatement and enforcement notices with regulators.

### Exclusive Benefits for Comply Direct Members

- "First hour free" legal advice to assess prospects of success/strategy going forward.
- Competitive and preferential discounted rates. Squire Patton Boggs will also consider fixed or capped fees or an increased discount for guaranteed volume of work.
- No charge for travel time.
- Free legal updates on regulatory topics.
- Access to conferencing and library facilities.

Although the service being offered is principally regulatory in nature, Squire Patton Boggs is able to deal with personal injury work that Comply Direct members may require, subject to rates being acceptable to members and/or their insurers.

### 24/7 Incident Response

At the time of an incident it is difficult to remain objective and in control. If there has been a fatality the police will be the first investigators on site and will often treat the incident as a murder scene. Other regulators can also be very demanding at this difficult time and it is easy to say and do things that (with hindsight) were not in the best interests of either the company or individuals. Personal liability, escalating fines, disqualification and custodial sentences attaching to individuals are also very real risks with these types of regulatory offences.

If you find yourself managing an environmental incident, accident or regulatory investigation and need assistance, the scheme will provide access to an experienced lawyer available for immediate, practical advice 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Should an environmental incident, accident or regulatory investigation occur, please contact Squire Patton Boggs at [ESH@squirepb.com](mailto:ESH@squirepb.com). You'll be put in touch with an experienced lawyer who will be able to provide you with essential short-term support and assistance to ensure that your incident is managed correctly from the outset.

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