

# **NUI Bergen International Diving Seminar 2025**

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Incidents and enforcement  
Counterfeit certificates  
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RNPP survey  
The future

## **Incidents and enforcement**

For 2024/2025 (2023/2024 in blue)

Fatalities – 1 (1)

Offshore RIDDORs (ROGIs) – 13 (20)

Non Offshore RIDDORs – 10 (7)

Concerns/Complaints – 17 (14)

Enforcement Notices – 13 (25)

Prosecutions – 1 (0)

## **Fatalities**

### **Commercial scallop diving, 27 November 2024**

A commercial diver collecting scallops did not surface from a dive in Switha Sound, Scapa Flow, Orkney Islands.

The diver's body was found 9 days later on a beach many miles from the dive site.

## **Prosecution**

Samaki Kidogo Ltd. Fatal shellfish diving incident in 2022.

Failed to plan, manage and conduct a diving operation and use suitable and sufficient equipment.

- No system the recovery of an incapacitated diver.
- Insufficient oxygen for transit to a medical facility.
- No lifeline attached to the diver.
- No two-way communications.
- Insufficient team size resulted in delay in recovery of unconscious diver.
- Lack of plant maintenance.

## **Incidents and enforcement**

Currently investigating

Fatalities – 4

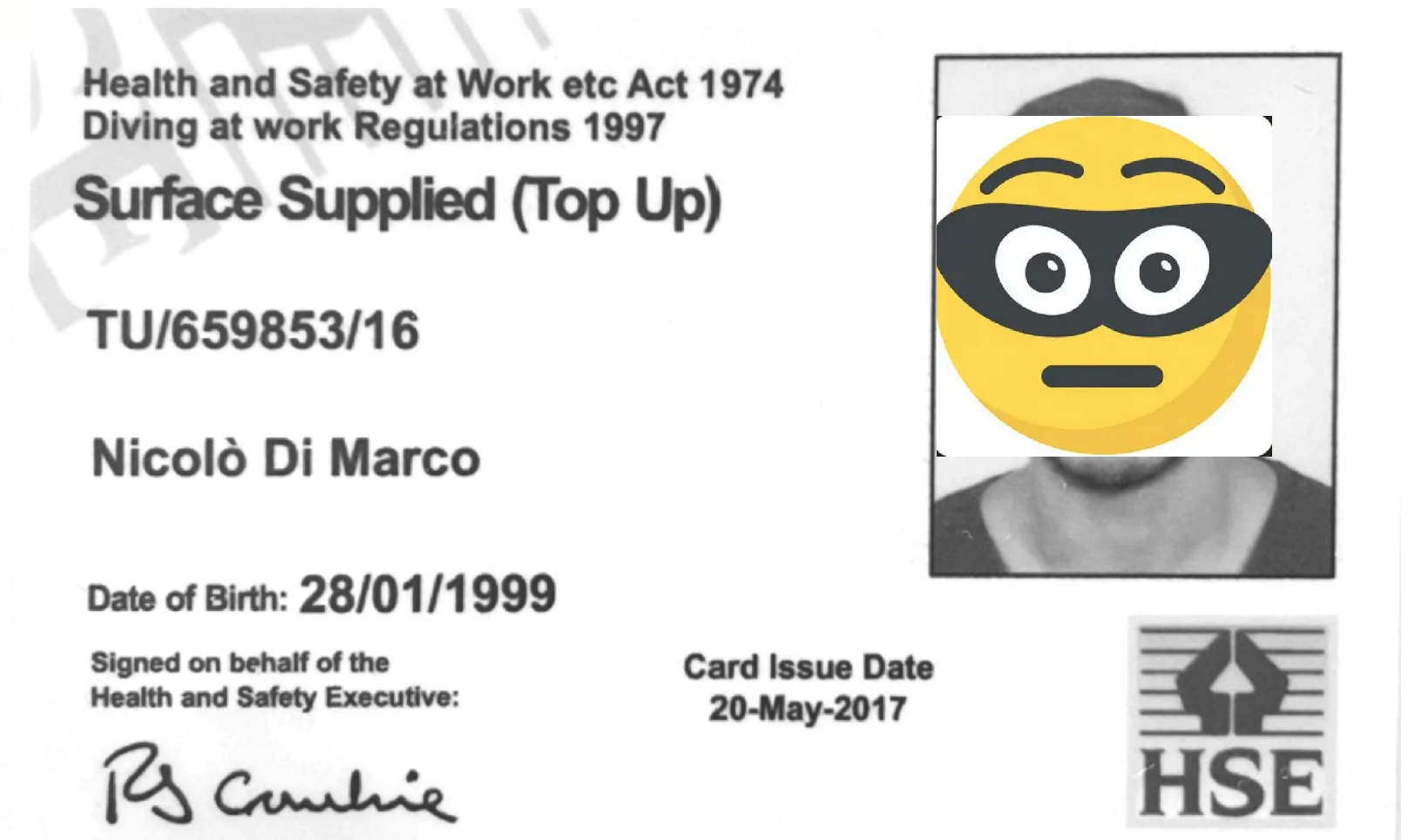
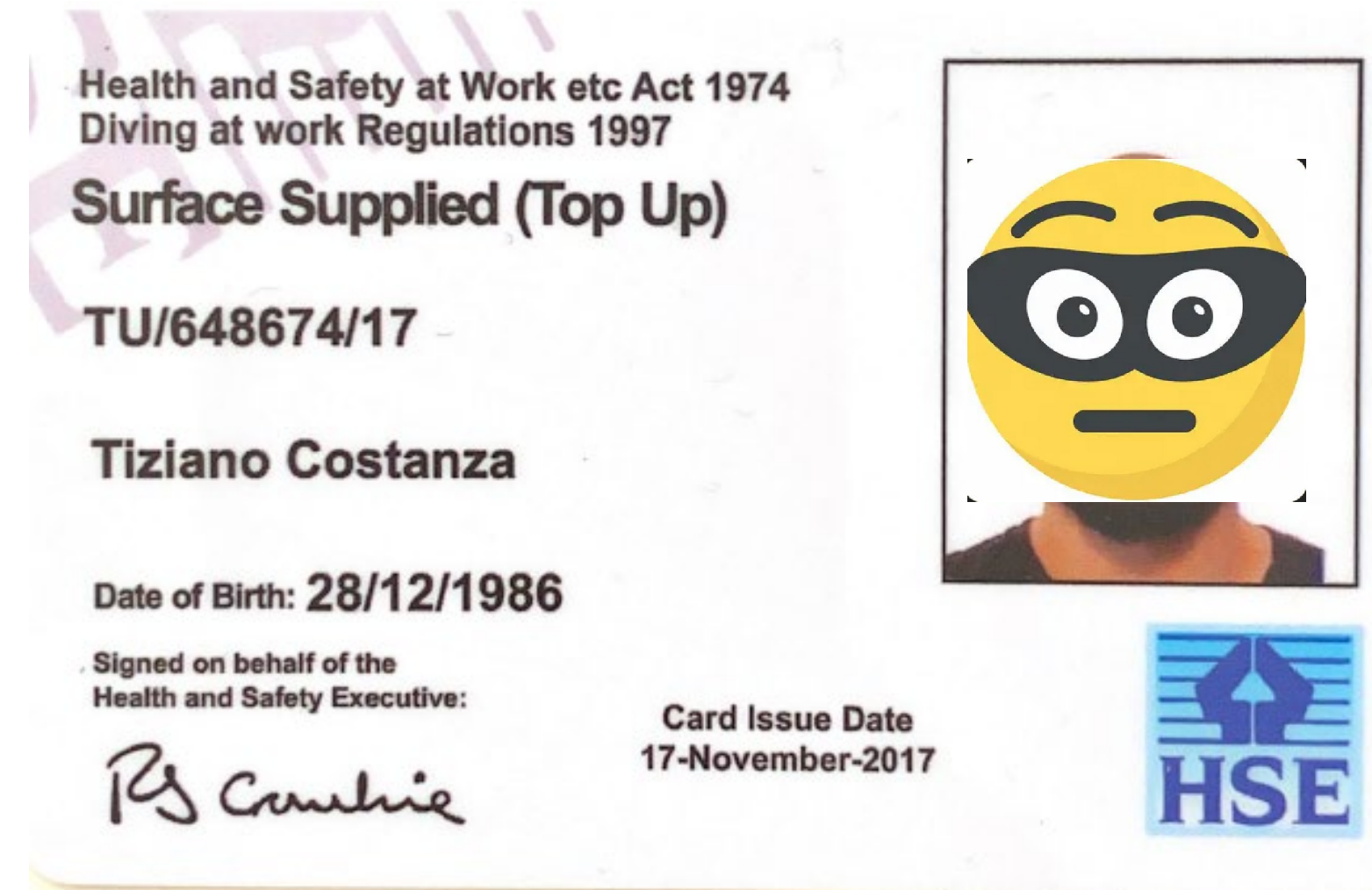
(2 x civils, 1 x shellfish, 1 x recreational)

Prosecutions – 5

(4 x civils, 1 x forged certificate)



## Counterfeit Certificates







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## The Medical Examination and Assessment of Divers

- An HSE AMED should complete this form.
- Please place the card provided between carbonised pages before application.
- Please complete all relevant sections and tick box(es) where appropriate.
- Please retain pink copy for your records and give white copy to diver.
- Please return the blue copies within 7 days to: HSE, Corporate Medical Unit, Redgrave Court, Merton Road, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 7HS

### THIS IS A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS TO DIVE FOR THE PERSON BELOW

Surname  Forename(s)   
Date of birth  Male ☒ Female ☐ Nationality   
Permanent address

Diver's signature

Date of examination  Date of expiry

Is the diver medically fit to dive? Yes ☒ No ☐

If diving activities are RESTRICTED, please give clear advice to the diver below: (Medical reasons on next page)

#### Examining doctor (AMED) details

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I confirm that I have performed the medical examination in accordance with the guidance in the current version of MA1

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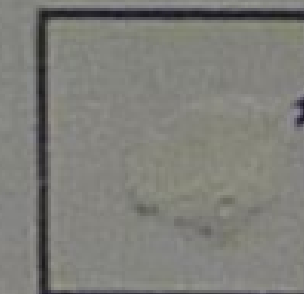
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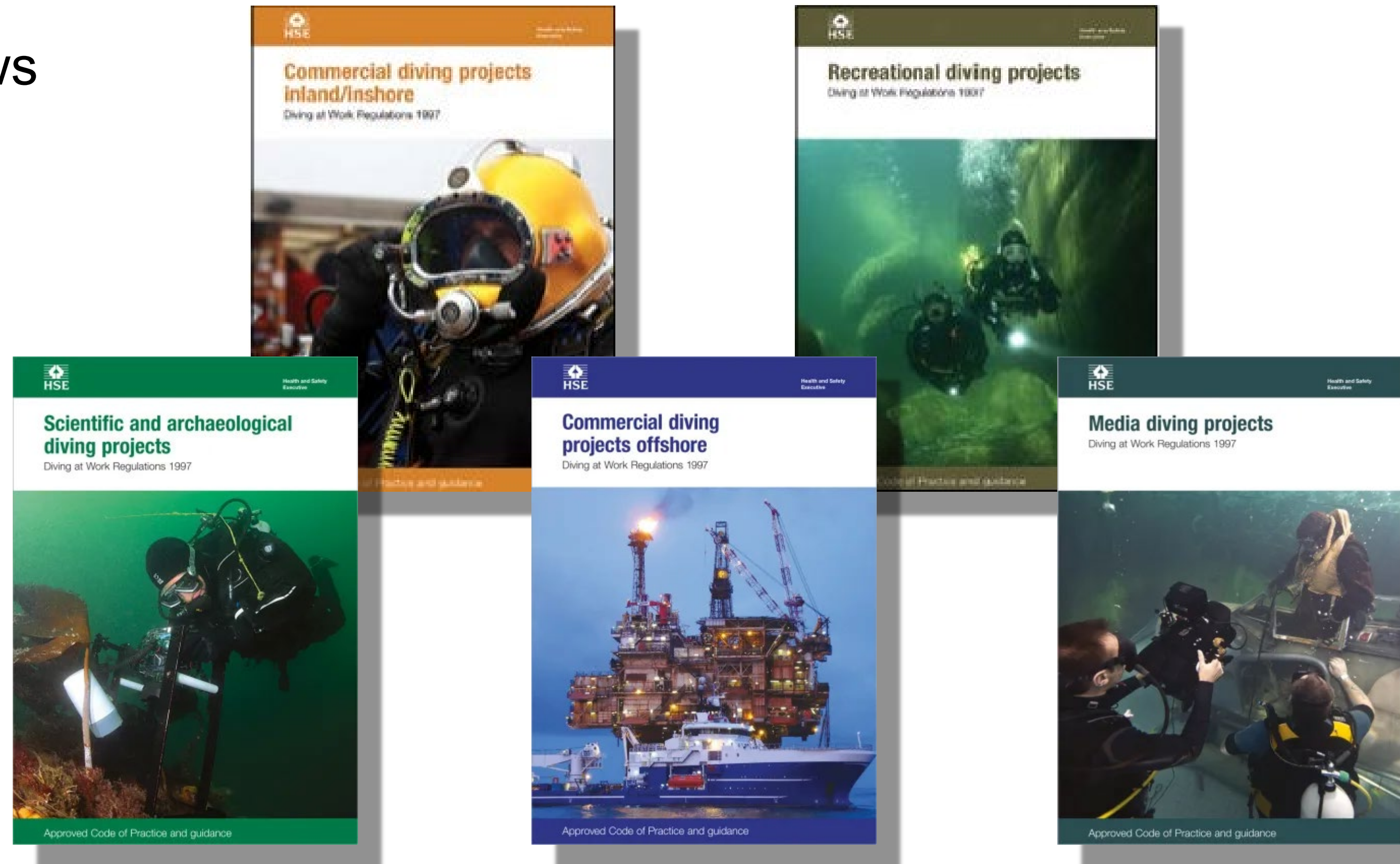


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## Changes in Legislation/procedures

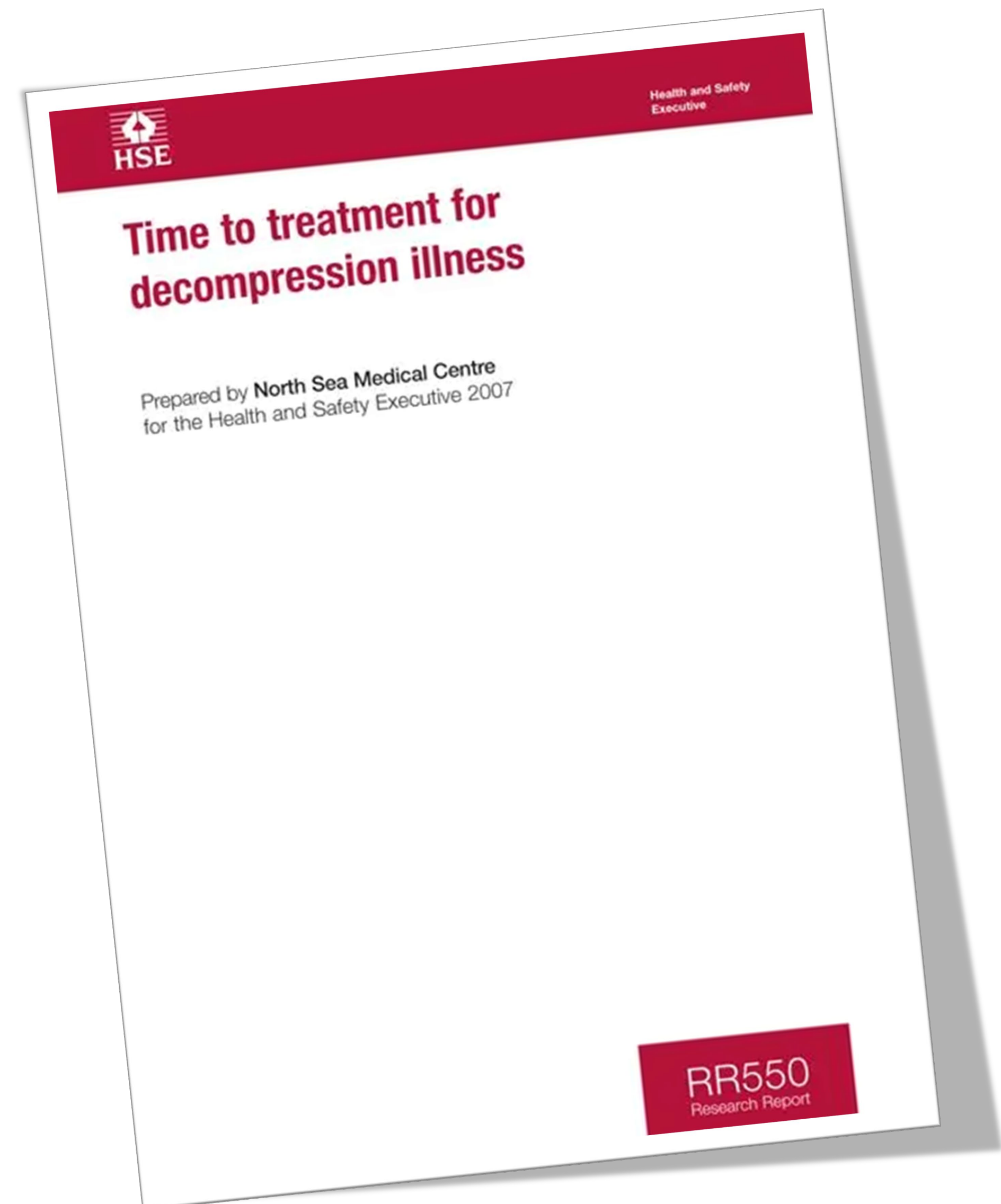
### ACOP Reviews





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Update to research on chamber availability





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Changes to RIDDOR to  
include DCI as a  
reportable illness



Image courtesy of dan.org (2021)

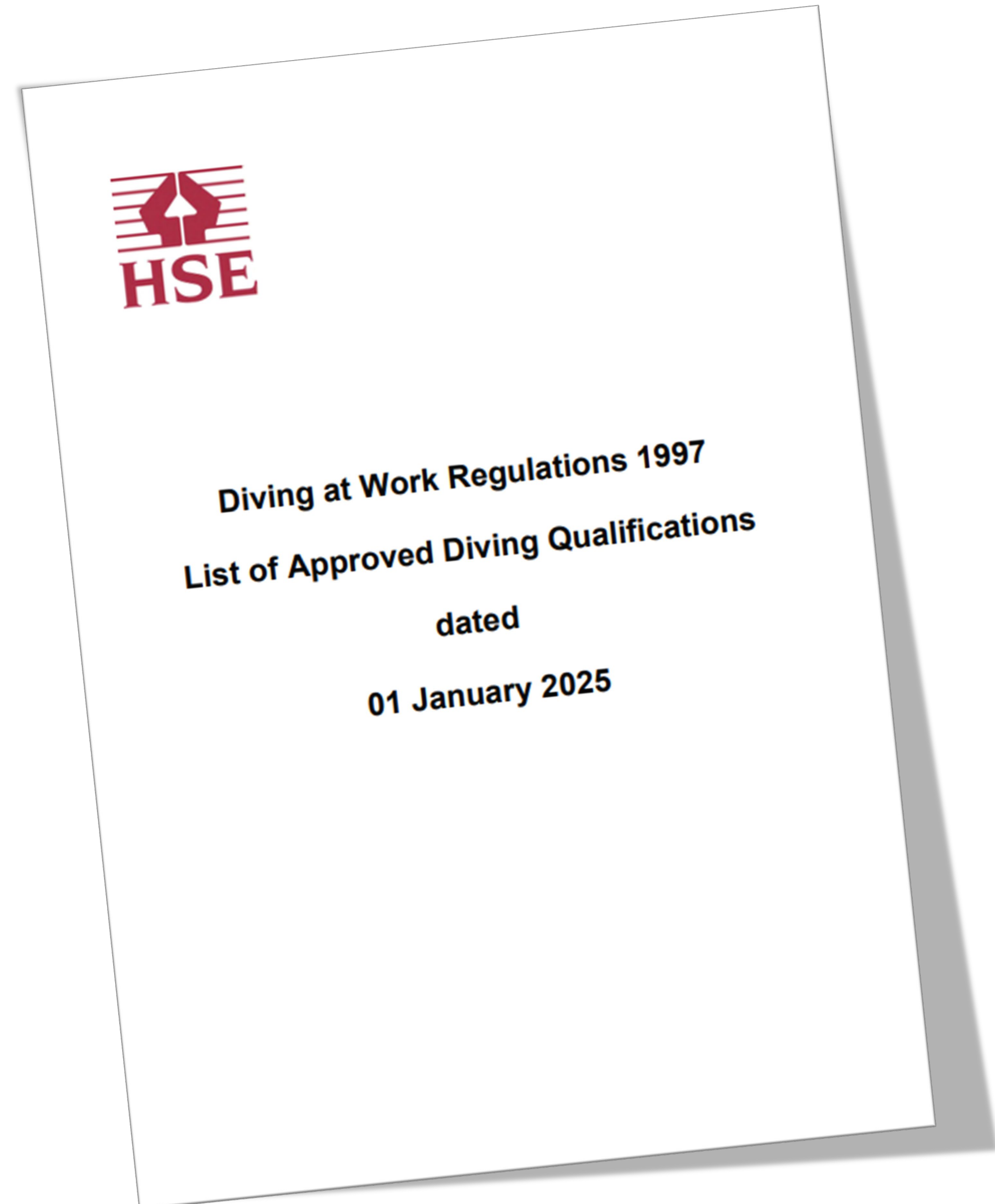


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### Revisions to List of Approved Qualifications

- French quals no longer approved (unless issued prior to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024)
- Spanish qualifications removed
- New category added to Inland Inshore: *In support of diver training in the use of specialist military diving equipment by overseas military divers - qualifications issued by the following manufacturers:*

Subsea Craft Ltd



## **Trends in risk level in the North Sea petroleum activity (RNNP)**

- Conducted through 2024
- First time included UKCS
- Good response – around 50/50 UKCS and Norway
- Strength is in analysing trends
- Hoping to run survey again, encourage and value input



## **Reduce work-related ill health, with a specific focus on mental health and stress**

Great Britain has one of the lowest rates of fatal and non-fatal work-related injury across Europe.

We have well-established standards for safety, recognised and understood by industry. These have helped to reduce death and major injury.

This isn't the same for work-related ill health, as current trends show this is increasing. The most commonly reported causes in Great Britain are now stress, depression, or anxiety.



### **Protecting people and places**

HSE strategy 2022 to 2032



## **Future change and innovation**

The world is changing, with new and emerging risks. We inspire and influence everyone to keep pace with future change and collectively tackle the most serious risks to our society.



**Questions?**