



VULCAN  
INSPECTION  
SERVICES

SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE

# KEEPING BREWERIES SAFE AND COMPLIANT

In its simplest and most explicit form, industrial safety can be a matter of life or death. At Vulcan Inspection Services, we believe there should never be a compromise with safety. We make Britain a safer place, for NFU Mutual customers and their people, whenever and wherever.



Our relationship with the food and drinks industry goes way back. We've partnered with NFU Mutual for more than 20 years and have been working closely with this industry to understand the specific needs of our customers. With this industry relying heavily on the use of plant and equipment, keeping people safe is an ongoing priority, with legal compliance and plant efficiency not far behind.

Breweries and distilleries are undoubtedly key to the food and drinks industry. With more and more being developed all the time in the UK, Vulcan Inspection Services has become the service provider of choice for so many huge names in the sector. With a team of the most skilled and experienced Engineer Surveyors and Engineer Consultants, when it comes to your plant and equipment, we really know our stuff.

## LIFTING EQUIPMENT

If you're looking to buy new or second hand equipment for your brewery or distillery, it's important that you know what you're doing. And at Vulcan Inspection Services, we can help you every step of the way. Whether it's brand new or just new to you, we can complete examinations on equipment to verify it's safe and fit for purpose before you buy it. And if you've already bought it, we can complete a thorough inspection before you put your kit to use, issuing a 'fitness for purpose' certificate where required.

In line with the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations it's important to be sure that any defects which may have been identified are highlighted by the seller. It's also important that you arrange for periodic thorough examinations to check it is safe for continued use and is free from defects.

## PRESSURE SYSTEMS

If you're in the market for new or second hand pressure equipment for your brewery or distillery, there are some important points you need to consider.

Installers, manufacturers and importers of pressure equipment must comply with the Pressure Equipment (safety) Regulations 2016 which brings the Pressure Equipment Directive 2014/68/EU into UK Law.

As the purchaser of a pressure system, you should always be sure that:

- ✓ The equipment has been designed to a recognised standard or code/ in compliance with the relevant EU Directive
- ✓ The equipment is suitably marked with essential information such as the manufacturer, unique identification, design pressure and temperature
- ✓ If second-hand, the equipment comes with any past reports of examination under Pressure System Regulations 2000
- ✓ If the equipment has been modified or has had significant repairs, these have been approved by a competent person
- ✓ If second hand, you considered a prior to purchase examination by a competent person such as Vulcan Inspection Services, to determine the equipment's integrity
- ✓ The equipment is fitted with adequate protective devices such as relief devices that discharge to a safe area and pressure/ temperature as required
- ✓ A competent person has produced a Written Scheme of Examination to comply with regulation 8 of the PSSR and an initial examination is undertaken before the pressure system goes into use
- ✓ Where markings are deficient and supporting documentation is missing, you sought advice from a competent person relating to the equipment's suitability for use in a pressure system subject to PSSR

When it comes to your lifting and/or pressure equipment, at Vulcan Inspection Services we're the experts so you don't have to be.