

## APPRISE SERVICES

### 1) *Audits of transport and warehouse operations*

#### **Transport**

Apprise Consulting undertakes transport and administration audits ensuring that clients are complying with VOSA Operators' ('O') Licence regulations.

We issue **RED**, **AMBER** and **GREEN** priority reports on audit findings. If any issues arise from the audits we can assist clients introduce procedures to overcome any shortfall and negotiate with their local maintenance providers to ensure full compliance.

We will provide you with a step by step guide to 'O' licence adherence and compliance.

We can also supply experienced CPC holders, both National and International, as nominated Transport Managers.

#### **Warehouse**

We carry out warehouse audits ensuring best practice and to ensure optimisation of labour, space and equipment.

Our warehouse audits include analysis of storage and mechanical equipment used, labour deployment and productivity, systems use and procedures.

The audits involve shadowing key personnel and 'walking' through and recording each process within the warehouse operation from goods in through to despatch.

Any unnecessary steps or unproductive work will be highlighted during the process.

'Quick fixes' will be highlighted immediately and assistance given with implementation of new procedures.

A full audit report will be presented and discussed with management at the end of the process and a cost benefit analysis produced. Implementation assistance will also be provided.

#### **3PL**

In an era of increased outsourcing we also undertake audits of 3PL (Third-party logistics) contracts to ensure value for money.

This can include re-tendering the business to provide a benchmark against other providers or utilising a database of costs which we have built up over the years to ensure the competitiveness of the current supplier. As most of our staff and Associates have worked in the 3PL sector they are very experienced in this type of project.

One could say we are 'poachers turned gamekeeper'!

#### **Health and Safety**

We have access to Associate consultancies such as Labyrinth who undertake Health and Safety audits and provide advice on Dangerous Goods transport and storage and workplace transport matters.