

[No change to MHRA advice on the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines for those who are pregnant or breastfeeding](#)

News story

Our advice remains that the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective during pregnancy and breastfeeding



We are aware of false claims on social media that our advice on the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines while pregnant or breastfeeding has changed.

We would like to reassure the public that our advice has not changed. Our advice remains that the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective during pregnancy and breastfeeding and there is substantial evidence to support this advice.

For our latest advice, please see our [Summary of Coronavirus Yellow Card Reporting](#) or the [Summary of Product Characteristics](#).

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[Government backing puts wind in sails of Middlesbrough boat builders](#)

Press release

UK Export Finance support unlocks new contract to export fishing boat to Ireland.



- Parkol Marine Engineering, a family-owned business, was established in 1971 and is renowned for its quality vessels
- A new 23-meter ship is the second to be built as part of a Bond Support deal worth £3m from UK Export Finance
- The ship will be launched today at its Middlesbrough site and transported to Ireland

Family-owned shipbuilder, Parkol Marine Engineering, has announced the launch of its new vessel, Green Isle, which on completion will sail to the west coast of Ireland from Middlesbrough, marking its expansion across the country. The boat is the second to be built as a result of a new £3m Bond support package from UK Export Finance (UKEF).

The contract is the second exporting win for the business, with the first contract secured in 2020 for a 27-meter fishing trawler commissioned by Irish fishing company D&N Kirwan. UKEF's Bond Support deal has helped Parkol and NatWest to provide security for the Buyer's stage payments in the form of advance payment guarantees.

Louis Taylor, Chief Executive of UK Export Finance said:

The United Kingdom is charting a new course as an independent trading nation and maritime businesses are crucial to driving the Global Britain we are building towards.

Now we can help shipbuilders to grow and harness the benefits of maritime trade using support from UK Export Finance to help Parkol grow their business through exporting.

The support from UKEF reiterates the government's support for the UK's maritime industry. Launching its new shipbuilding vision earlier this year, the government committed to investing over £4bn to support shipyards and suppliers across the UK, with new measures including better access to finance and vital skills-building.

Sally Atkinson, Director of Parkol Marine Engineering said:

Exporting has opened up new opportunities for our business. Thanks to UKEF's support, we've unlocked another major contract and expanded our business in Ireland by delivering a high-quality vessel. We're looking forward to continuing to capitalise on our exporting potential and reach new markets.

David Priestley, Head of Export Finance Managers for UKEF said:

We are pleased to see Parkol launch another ship into Ireland, helped by our support. Its exporting success is testament to its first-rate engineering heritage and investment in its people. We're looking forward to seeing further growth from the company in the years ahead.

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Darlington man prosecuted for waste offences

He was also disqualified from acting as a company director for three years and ordered to pay £490 costs.

John Burnside Jones (26), of Coniscliffe Road, Darlington was sentenced at Teesside Magistrates' Court on Friday 2 September 2022 having previously pleaded guilty to involvement in illegally misdescribing waste for financial gain.

Environment Agency officers visited Jones' waste operation at the Trinity Works site in Haverton Hill, Billingham in January 2019. They found the business to be processing large volumes of waste types which the site's environmental permit did not allow. The site was also found to lack the required management systems to deal with the environmental risks. Jones was served with notices requiring details of the site's waste but failed to respond to these in full.

Further investigations by the Environment Agency revealed that between September 2018 and February 2019, over 6,000 tonnes of unpermitted, combustible waste had been transported to the site from as far away as Bristol. Jones had then transported more than 11,000 tonnes of inert waste

soils to a nearby landfill site during the same period. The discrepancy between the volumes of incoming and outgoing waste was a result of Jones mixing incoming waste with soil and stones left from previous site operations and falsely describing this resulting mixture as inert waste.

Inert waste incurs significantly lower landfill tax per tonne and may also be disposed of at a much-reduced rate at landfill facilities without the same level of safeguards and protections as would otherwise be required. By fraudulently misdescribing the waste, Jones was able to make large sums of money by flouting his environmental obligations.

In mitigation, Jones stated that although his company had operated the site, he had limited direct involvement and had been very naïve in relying upon others to run the site for him. He had never previously been in trouble and fully co-operated with the investigation. He admitted that he had never seen the site's environmental permit and was oblivious to its requirements.

The court ruled that the offending was deliberate and committed for financial gain. At an earlier hearing the permit holder James William Mason, 64, of Camden Street, Stockton-on-Tees had pleaded guilty to allowing the illegal waste activities to be undertaken on his site and was ordered to pay a total of £2,528 in fines and costs.

A spokesperson for the Environment Agency said:

The conditions of an environmental permit are designed to protect people and the environment. Failure to comply with these legal requirements is a serious offence that can damage the environment, undermine local legitimate environmental permit holders, put jobs at risk and cause misery for local communities.

We welcome sentencing by the Court, which should act as a deterrent to others considering flouting the law.

[PM call with President Zelenskyy: 5 September 2022](#)

Press release

Prime Minister Boris Johnson spoke to President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy this afternoon.



The Prime Minister spoke to the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, this afternoon to thank him for his leadership and friendship.

The Prime Minister made clear that he believed President Zelenskyy and his people can and will win the war in Ukraine.

President Zelenskyy thanked the Prime Minister for believing in Ukraine and its people and updated on the recent progress of his Armed Forces in the south of the country.

The Prime Minister said he was convinced the Ukrainian forces could continue to succeed in pushing back Russian forces and added that the UK remained steadfast in its support.

The Prime Minister told President Zelenskyy it had been a privilege to work with him and support him, and the leaders agreed to stay in close touch as friends.

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Bournemouth company director prosecuted for supplying illegal security to sports bar

Press release

On 24 August 2022, a security firm and its director were prosecuted at Poole Magistrates' Court for supplying unlicensed security to a Bournemouth sports bar.



Security Industry Authority

Company director Terence Macartney, from Wareham, pleaded guilty and was fined £415. He was also ordered to pay court costs of £1,529 plus a victim surcharge of £42. A guilty plea was also entered for Macartney's business, Maxim Security Ltd. The company was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay court costs of £1,529 plus a victim surcharge of £100. A manager from Maxim pleaded not guilty to supplying illegal security and has elected to be tried in a crown court.

On 10 December last year Security Industry Authority (SIA) investigators, accompanied by Dorset Police licensing officers, visited a Bournemouth sports bar while carrying out routine licence inspections. They found two men working as door supervisors, one of whom proved that he was appropriately licensed by the SIA. The second man was unlicensed and denied that he was working as door supervisor. He pleaded not guilty and will appear again before Poole Magistrates' Court in January 2023 for a trial hearing.

SIA investigators checked the signing-in book, which revealed that the man had also previously worked at the venue on 15 and 16 October. The owner of the venue confirmed to SIA investigators that Maxim Security Ltd were their security supplier.

On 16 May 2022 SIA investigators interviewed Terence Macartney under caution. He confirmed that as director of Maxim he had overall responsibility for the supply of security. On 25 August Terence Macartney resigned his role as director of the business.

Mark Chapman, one of the SIA's criminal investigation managers said:

Maxim Security and its director Terence Macartney have been prosecuted and received a significant sentence. Mr Macartney has been handed a criminal record and his company fined, suffering reputational damage as a result. The role of the SIA licensing regime is to keep people safe, and this is particularly important in the run-up to the festive season when bars and clubs are busier. The public should be assured that the security appointed to protect them are suitably trained, qualified and licensed to do so.

Notes to editors:

- By law, security operatives working under contract must hold and display

a valid SIA licence

- [Read about SIA enforcement and penalties](#)
- The offences relating to the Private Security Industry Act (2001) that are mentioned above are as follows:
 - Maxim Security Ltd: Section 5 – deploying unlicensed guards
 - Terence Anthony Macartney: Section 5 via section 23 – deploying unlicensed guards

Further information:

- The Security Industry Authority is the organisation responsible for regulating the private security industry in the United Kingdom, reporting to the Home Secretary under the terms of the [Private Security Industry Act 2001](#). The SIA's main duties are the compulsory licensing of individuals undertaking designated activities and managing the voluntary Approved Contractor Scheme.
- For further information about the Security Industry Authority or to sign up for email updates visit: www.gov.uk/sia. The SIA is also on [LinkedIn](#) [Facebook \(Security Industry Authority\)](#) and [Twitter \(@SIAuk\)](#).

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