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¹⁾ BS 8800, *Occupational health and safety management systems – Guide*, and HSG 65, *Successful health and safety management*.