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## **CERAMICS INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Reconstitution of CERIAC A paper by Roger Monaghan, Secretary CERIAC**

#### **Issues**

1. Expansion of the role of **CERIAC**

#### **Background**

2. Until 1998, CERIAC only discussed pottery matters. When CERIAC was reconstituted in 1998 its terms of reference were modified so that the committee had a wider remit (to cover potteries, heavy clay, refractories, suppliers and craft potteries). Membership also changed and expanded to reflect this modification. The opportunity now exists to consider further changes to the terms of reference such that the Committee would also take into account matters relating to the Glass industry.

#### **The way forward**

3. Members need to consider whether this option is desirable:
  - i. Benefits include representation of a wider industrial base, demonstration of flexibility by the CERIAC, cross fertilisation of ideas;
  - ii. Caution would need to be exercised to avoid trying to force issues together when the respective industries view them in a different light or where there are industry specific issues which require separate consideration.
4. For example common ground exists in target setting, falls from heights, transport, hot working, refractory ceramic fibre and lead, protective clothing.
5. Differences include specific machinery issues (eg IS machines in Glass, Brick presses, Tableware machines).

#### **Action**

6. Members to consider this paper and the advantages and disadvantages of modification to the terms of reference.

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**Footnote:** Following the review of IACs, it has been decided that responsibility for many of the administrative arrangements will be given the Health and Safety Executive. The decision of CERIAC will be reflected in the submission to proceed with reconstitution.