

SSA HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDANCE

SUMMARY

The Shipbuilders and Shiprepairers Association (SSA) Health and Safety Guidance Notes provide advice on health and safety in shipyards. This paper concludes the review of these guidance notes.

BACKGROUND

1. At the 41st SSHSCC it was agreed that the SSA Health and Safety Guidance Notes could usefully be reviewed and rationalised in light of recent legislative changes and the publication of new guidance.
2. This review was commenced at the 42nd meeting and continued at the 43rd and 44th meetings. At the 44th meeting it was agreed that the review would go up to and include SSA 8 Volume 2 *Guidance on the safe application of anti-foulings*. At the 44th meeting the order of priority in which the guidance notes should be redrafted was also agreed.
3. Appendix A attached details the outcome of the guidance note reviews including the order in which they will be redrafted.

ACTION

3. Members are asked to consider the contents of appendix 1 and to consider whether it accurately reflects the agreed outcomes.

Footnote:

Copies of the guidance notes can be obtained by both members and non-members from the Shipbuilders and Ship-repairers Association, Meadlake Place, Thorpe Lea Road, Egham, Surrey TW20 8BF, tel 01784 223770 fax 01784 223775; e-mail: director@ssa.org.uk. An annual subscription (currently one set free for SSA members and £17-50 for additional sets and £29 for non-members) pays for an up-to-date set of guidance notes and for any updates or new notes issued during that year.

APPENDIX 1

Outcome of Guidance Note Reviews

No.	Title	Planned Action	Redraft order
Volume 1			
1	Guidance on assessment for the purposes of COSHH Regulations 1988	Delete	
2	Recommendations for the safe use of temporary support systems for prefabricated ship sections	Cosmetic updating	5
3	Personnel carrying devices suspended from cranes in shipyards	Delete	
4	Use of mobile elevating work platforms in shipbuilding and shiprepair yards	Delete	
5	Competent analysts in shipyards – qualifications and training requirements	Update	3 ^c
6	Polyurethane foam fire on LPG tanker	Retain but not update	
7	Noise in shipbuilding and shiprepairing: Guidance on noise control and hearing conservation	Redraft	9 ^d
8	Guidance on the control of contractors and subcontractors	Delete	
9	Guidance on noise reduction in steelwork repair and noise reduction when replacing surface protection systems	Redraft	9 ^d
10	Guidance on the development and implementation of successful housekeeping policies in shipyards	Redraft	1 ^a
11	Guidance for shipyards on occupational health services	Redraft	2 ^b
Volume 2			
1	Guidance for shipyards on health and safety risk assessment	Delete	
2	Guidance on storage and use of oxygen and fuel gases on board ships under construction and repair	Redraft	3 ^c
3	Confined spaces on ships under repair and construction	Redraft	4
4	Hot work and naked lights on ships under construction and repair	Redraft	3 ^c
5	Reduction and control of noise and vibration	Redraft	9 ^d
6	Guide to successful lifting with pad eyes	Update	6
7	Contractor control	Update	7
8	Guidance on the safe application of antifoulings	Cosmetic updating	8

Key:

^a Redraft commenced by SSHCC working party

^b Redraft commenced by Dr Mary Kinnoulty

^c Redraft when Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations and guidance have been implemented

^d Redraft prior to implementation of Physical Agents (Noise) Directive