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<b>Chief Executive's Report to the Board</b>			

## Deepwater Horizon blow out incident in Gulf of Mexico

1. The Deepwater Horizon was drilling in the Gulf of Mexico at a water depth of 5000 ft. On 20 April 2010, a post-drilling explosion occurred. The exact cause of the blow out, and the reasons why the Blow Out Preventer (BOP) was unable to staunch the oil flow, are still unknown. Although the UK continental shelf has some similar deepwater wells, no deepwater rigs are currently operating in the UK, and current drilling campaigns are in the region of 600 ft water depth or less. The potential exists for such an incident occurring anywhere there is oil and gas drilling - the UK has a number of health and safety regulatory safeguards in place:

- The safety case and the risk assessment that go into its preparation
- A system of well notification, where HSE reviews well design and procedures
- A scheme of well examination with review of the design and construction of a well by an independent and competent person - unique to the UK
- A scheme of independent verification by competent persons which covers safety critical equipment such as blowout preventers to ensure they are fit for purpose – another unique UK requirement
- Regulations requiring a check that everyone involved in well operations has received suitable information, instruction, training and supervision;
- Inspections by HSE Wells Inspectors of well control and well integrity arrangements and by other OSD inspectors on rig operations and integrity
- HSE also monitors drilling operations.

2. Transocean has significant drilling operations on the UK continental shelf. UK press interest so far has centred on its previous enforcement record. There are two historical Improvement Notices on Transocean relating to BOPs, both have been complied with. The first was in 2005 on failure to maintain the BOP control panel in an efficient state, the second was in 2006 on the failure of a multi-purpose tool used in BOP pressure testing.

## HSE securing justice

3. On 14 April 2009 Layla Skalli suffered 80% burns when a fire started in the room she rented in a house in multiple occupation from Michael Billings, a Norwich landlord with a large rental property portfolio. HSE coordinated a multi-agency investigation with Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service and Norwich City Council Housing which revealed that the premises were in a poor state of repair, with inadequate/absent fire precautions and poorly maintained gas appliances. Mr Billings had previously been prosecuted for offences under fire precautions legislation and health and safety legislation (maintenance of gas appliances).

4. The health and safety offences were the first to be sentenced in the Crown Court since the commencement of the Health and Safety Offences Act 2008. Mr Billings was sentenced on 7 May 2010 to 30 months custody, with the opportunity to have that sentence reduced by an unspecified period if a £20,000 payment was

made to Ms Skalli. There was an order to pay a contribution of £20,000 towards the £100,000 overall costs shared by the 3 agencies.

5. There was exceptional national and local publicity, including interest in the trade and landlords press. The investigating inspector John Claxton has received a Certificate of Commendation from the Judge for his professionalism and determination in coordinating the agencies.

### **HSE Simplification Plan 2008 – Landlords project**

6. In April 2009 the HSE Board agreed a phased approach to the reduction in administrative burdens on landlords arising from gas safety duties. Phase one of this approach is the development of a web based “One Stop Shop” containing comprehensive domestic gas safety advice for landlords.

7. This work has now been completed and a new website to help landlords understand what they should be doing to keep tenants safe was launched on 10 May 2010. The ‘One Stop Shop’ was developed in consultation with the National Landlords Association and Gas Safe Register and feedback from stakeholders has been excellent. Outcomes of the project will be presented to the BRE External Validation Panel in June 2010.

### **Amendments to the Pipelines Safety Regulations (PSR) 1996**

8. Since the consultation on the proposed amendments to PSR ended, HSE has been working with HSE lawyers, technical experts and stakeholders to refine the original PSR proposals to address stakeholder concerns in the areas of:

- Definition of gasoline
- Impact Assessment (IA) for the introduction of gasoline as a dangerous fluid
- Definition of a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline and setting of consultation distances (CD) around CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines.

9. Significant progress has been made in some areas. However, the review of the CD methodology is not due to be completed until the end of September 2010. To enable this review to be completed and allow HSE to undertake a follow up consultation with stakeholders, the Chair and CE have agreed to delay the introduction of the amendments until April 2011. HSE will ensure this new timetable is met.

10. HSE is currently preparing a summary of consultation responses and its comments on them. This is due to be published on the HSE website by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010. HSE is taking this opportunity to notify stakeholders of the delay to the amendments, show its commitment to introducing the amendments in April 2011 and to seek stakeholder views on the amended proposals.

### **Emergency exercise**

11. HSE is participating in Exercise Avogadro on 29-30 June 2010. This emergency exercise, led by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC), will involve all relevant Departments and agencies in the rehearsal of the capability and robustness of a DECC-led response to a major gas disruption during a spell of severe weather. COBR, the Government crisis management facility, will be convened for the exercise during which Gordon MacDonald, HID Director, will

represent HSE. Relevant staff from HID operations, Cross Cutting Interventions Directorate and Press Office will also be involved in delivering the HSE response. Other than this, no further involvement from HSE is expected.

### **Risk communication seminars**

12. Two seminars were held recently to promulgate the study which HSE commissioned from Kings College London (previously circulated to the Board). The first was aimed at an HSE audience with the objective of stimulating an internal debate about the use of modern risk communications approaches in support of our more traditional expert advice on risk assessment. The second was targeted at an external audience with the objective of encouraging a greater degree of collaboration between regulators in handling risk communication issues.

13. In addition, Prof. Ragnar Lofstedt of KCL gave a lecture to the SCS on the principles and psychology of risk communications with the objective of raising awareness within the senior managers of HSE. This will be followed up with Directorates focused initially on developing a corporate policy for risk communications, establish what support the line needs, and to take an inventory of forthcoming issues which may need risk communication.

### **HSE follow-up to the latest Staff Survey**

14. Following on from HSE's retention of its Investors In People (IiP) status, the Senior Management Team is investigating some of the emerging themes and issues from this and a number of other feedback sources including the People Survey. HSE has commissioned an external research company, Institute for Employment Studies (IES), to hold focus groups with staff. These have already taken place at Redgrave Court, and are moving out to regional offices in May and June. This research should improve our understanding of some of the key issues raised in the survey. Staff will be invited to discuss what they like about working at HSE, areas for improvement and actions that might be taken. Participants will be selected by IES from those registering an interest to ensure the best mix of grades, roles and locations. HSE anticipates an early draft on the output from the focus groups by September 2010.

15. Last year's People Survey highlighted an issue of bullying, harassment and discrimination amongst HSE staff, consistent with the Civil Service average. HSE has commissioned an external research company, the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen), to explore these issues further. The research will take place from May to July 2010 and complements the focus groups that are already being undertaken by IES. The NatCen research is designed specifically to help inform policy and practice in relation to bullying, harassment or discrimination. This might include things like suggestions for improving the help and support HSE offers. HSE expects the research to be available around the end of October 2010.

**GEOFFREY PODGER**

## Operations

### Fatality Details

Following a recommendation made by the Information Commissioner, HSE extended its policy to include the names of the deceased and additional details on these fatal incidents on our webpages. Accordingly, since 1 April 2009, the names of the deceased plus additional details may be viewed at:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/foi/fatalities/in-year-names.htm>.

To ensure that details are not released prior to inquest, HSE delays publication until at least one month from the date of notification to HSE has elapsed. Occasionally owing to a period of latency between an accident being reported and the death of the injured person, details of incidents that occurred prior to the current reporting period may be included in the statistics.

Since the last update to the HSE Board in April, 7 fatal accidents reported to HSE under RIDDOR were published to HSE's website; please see [Annex 2](#) for details.

### Significant Prosecutions for April 2010

- [Clyde Valley Housing Association Limited](#) was fined £70,000 by Hamilton Sheriff Court after a security guard died from carbon monoxide poisoning on a construction site in Burbank, Hamilton.
- [Rubb Buildings Limited](#) was fined £100,000 and ordered to pay costs of £48,795.36 by Bristol Crown Court after one of its employees fell to his death while dismantling a hangar roof at Bristol International Airport.
- [Multinational steelmaker Corus](#) was been fined £240,000 and ordered to pay £112,500 costs at Stafford Crown Court after a lorry driver was crushed to death at its site in Staffordshire.
- [Ashtead Plant Hire Co Ltd trading as APlant](#) was fined £200,000 and ordered to pay £15,698.30 in costs at Maidstone Crown Court for health and safety failings that lead to an employee falling five metres to his death.
- [Sims Group UK Ltd](#) were fined £200,000 and ordered to pay £57,500 costs by Cardiff Crown after truck driver was crushed by a metal bale which rolled off the heap.
- [Biffa Waste Services Limited](#) was fined £280,000 and ordered to pay full costs of £54,906.57 at Reading Crown Court after a member of the public was crushed to death at the Civic Amenity site in Newbury.
- [Regentford Ltd](#) was today fined £250,000 and ordered to pay costs of £71,603.01 at Croydon Crown Court after the death of a construction worker.

**Myth of the month May 2010 - You don't need to secure your load if you're just driving down the road**

If not properly secured, vehicle loads can become unsafe, even over a short distance, risking the lives of drivers and other road users. More than 1200 people a year are injured as a result of unsafe loads, and millions of pounds are lost in damaged goods.

**FOI Requests made to HSE**

There were 533 FOI requests in April 2010.

**Events, Campaigns and Publications in May 2010**

New Tower Crane regulations came into force on 6 April 2010 requiring the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) to be notified of conventional tower cranes installed on construction sites.

Working Well Together North East - Builders, scaffolders, roofers, electricians, joiners and painters - in fact anyone who works in construction was invited to a special event at Wynyard Park, Billingham on 28 April 2010. The event will mark the launch of a new construction industry awareness group for the region and follows the success of the Health and Safety Event and Exhibition at Gateshead International Stadium last year - an event run by the industry for the industry

**Parliamentary Business**

There were no PQs in April 2010.

## In-year work-related deaths reported to HSE

The following table is an extract of all 2009/10 work-related deaths notified to HSE since the last update to the Board on 28 April 2010. It is taken from the latest "Names and details of fatalities" update published on HSE's website on 10 May 2010.

HSE's internet publication is the collated picture of 'as reported' information on fatalities. It does not purport to be a formal statistical release. Subsequent investigation may determine that some are not reportable under RIDDOR, for example deaths due to natural causes. Other deaths shown here may have been caused by gas incidents in the home. In such cases these deaths will not be counted in our statistics for workplace fatal injuries. Provisional quarterly figures for workplace fatal injuries are available from our latest quarterly injury figures and validated figures and information will only be available on publication of the annual fatality statistics for Great Britain.

Date of incident	Name	Age	Description of incident	Location of incident	Local Authority	LA code	General Industry Sector	Detailed Standard Industry Classification (SIC)	SIC Code	Employment status
05/03/2010	Paul Doyley	-	The deceased was exposed to caustic material	Grimsby	North East Lincolnshire	2002	Manufacturing	Manufacture of dyes and pigments	24120	Employee
08/03/2010	Trevor Hall	65	The deceased fell from height	Leicestershire	Oadby & Wigston	2440	Manufacturing	Manufacture of knitted and crocheted fabrics	17600	Self employed
22/03/2010	Andrezej Rokita	55	The deceased was crushed by falling material	London	Waltham Forest	5930	Manufacturing	Manufacture of builders' carpentry and joinery of metal	28120	Employee
27/03/2010	James Elliot	62	The deceased was crushed by a boulder	Stirling	Perth & Kinross UA	9074	Agriculture	Farming of sheep, goats, horses, asses, mules and hinnies	01220	Employee
28/03/2010	Jordon Orris	16	The deceased was crushed by an overturned vehicle	St Merryn	North Cornwall	0820	Agriculture	Growing of crops combined with farming of animals (mixed farming)	01300	Employee
30/03/2010	George Gardiner	-	The deceased slipped and sustained serious head injuries	London	Islington	5570	Service	Television activities	92202	Employee
31/03/2010	John Ward	66	The deceased was trampled by cattle	Sheffield	North East Derbyshire	1035	Agriculture	Farming of cattle, dairy farming	01210	Self employed

### Footnotes

Third parties provide this information when notifying these incidents to HSE. We will verify its accuracy (e.g. the name and age of the deceased) when the incident is investigated and as more information becomes available. Although we may have done some validation of the notifier's information prior to publication on HSE's web pages we cannot guarantee the accuracy of all of the above details.

All possible work-related fatalities are separately notified to the Coroner and the Coroners Court release the name of the deceased when they open the inquest. To ensure that this release has taken place, we do not publish this information until at least a month after the date of the reported incident.

**MAY 2010 UPDATE ON EU HEALTH AND SAFETY DOSSIERS**

This annex to the Chief Executive's Report provides the Board with a monthly update on progress with EU health and safety dossiers that HSE leads on for HMG or other dossiers that HSE has an interest in but not the lead. To help the Board keep track of developments, each dossier is either marked '**UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE**' or '**NEW DEVELOPMENTS**'. For further information about this annex, please contact Stephen Taylor, EU Coordinator in HSE's International Unit (Tel: 020 7227 3830 or e-mail: [stephen.taylor@hse.gsi.ov.uk](mailto:stephen.taylor@hse.gsi.ov.uk))

**SOCIAL DIALOGUE:****EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DOSSIERS:**

<b>Social partners' consultation on environmental tobacco smoke</b>	
<b>Current status (<b><u>UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE</u></b>):</b>	
The European Commission is considering whether there is a need for an initiative on environmental tobacco smoke. It consulted the social partners in 2008, with a further consultation due at a later date. The Department of Health is leading on this with support from HSE.	
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**PRE-PROPOSAL STAGE:****EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DOSSIERS:**

<b>Proposed Recast of the Manual Handling (90/269/EEC) and Display Screen Equipment Directives (90/270/EEC)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> The European Commission is working on recasting the Manual Handling and Display Screen Equipment Directives into a new directive on work-related musculoskeletal disorders. It is going to undertake a further impact assessment of the issues involved with a proposal scheduled for 2011.	
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<b>Future of Electromagnetic Fields Directive (2004/40/EC)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> The European Commission will need to undertake a further stage of social dialogue before publication of a legislative proposal, which is scheduled for later this year.	
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<b>Proposed amendment of Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive (2004/37/EC)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> The European Commission has engaged a contractor to undertake an impact assessment to help decide the next steps for the directive.	
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<b>Proposed European Regulation to require member states to collect and provide health and safety statistics under the European Regulation on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work (1338/2008)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> European Regulation No. 1338/2008 established a common framework for the production of European statistics on public health and health and safety at work. The European Commission is developing proposals for implementing regulations that will set out what data member states will be required to provide and which will replace the 'gentleman's agreement' under which statistics are already provided.	
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**ENVIRONMENT DOSSIERS:**

<b>Proposed revision of Seveso II Directive (96/82/EC)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> The European Commission is looking at revising the Seveso II Directive to bring it into line with the European Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures. A legislative proposal is currently anticipated towards the end of 2010.	
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**NUCLEAR DOSSIERS:**

<b>Proposed recast of Basic Safety Standards Directive (96/29/EURATOM)</b>	
<b>Current status (NEW DEVELOPMENTS):</b> The opinion of the working party of the European Commission's Article 31 Group of Scientific Experts on the recast of the directive was published at the end of March. <b>A legislative proposal is not likely until 2011.</b> In the UK, three stakeholder-working groups on occupational, medical, and public and environmental exposures are helping with an impact assessment to inform the UK position.	
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<b>Proposed Directive on Radioactive Waste Management</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> The European Commission has asked the European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group for its views on a draft proposal for a directive on radiation waste and spent fuel. A legislative proposal is currently anticipated in late 2010.	
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### **ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY DOSSIERS:**

<b>Proposed simplification of Pressure Equipment Directives</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> The European Commission plans to conduct a future review of the directive, with no decision taken yet on the timing.	
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<b>Proposed modification of New Approach Directives in line with EC Regulation 768/200</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> European Commission plans to introduce a horizontal "Omnibus Directive" to bring all New Approach Directives that need minor modification in line with European Regulation on Accreditation and Market Surveillance (this deals with the harmonisation of New Approach Supply Directives) have had to be revised as it was advised by its legal service that a single amending directive under the Lisbon Treaty was not possible. It will now draft 10 separate amending directives but hope to process them as a single package. It is anticipated that this work will cover, among other things, explosives for civil use, pressure equipment, lifts, low voltage and simple pressure vessels.	
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<b>EC Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (1272/2008) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Adaptation to Technical Progress</b>	
<b>Current status (NEW DEVELOPMENTS):</b> The European Commission is looking at amending the technical criteria in the European Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures to incorporate the changes agreed in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> revised edition of the United Nation's Globally Harmonised System of classification and labelling of chemicals as well as making a few other minor technical amendments. A formal legislative proposal is not expected until late summer with a comitology committee vote possibly around October 2010.	
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**UNDER NEGOTIATION:****EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DOSSIERS:**

<b>Proposed amendment of Pregnant Workers Directive (92/85/EC) on introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health at work of pregnant workers and workers who have recently given birth or are breastfeeding</b>	
<b>Current status (NEW DEVELOPMENTS):</b> The European Parliament's (EP) Women's Rights Committee has suggested a set of amendments to the proposal, including ones on health and safety, that the EP is expected to consider at its July plenary (this is to allow time for the Committee to work on its impact assessment of the amendments). HSE has worked with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills to provide briefing for MEPs.	
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**ENVIRONMENT DOSSIERS:****Proposed EC Regulation concerning the placing on the market and use of biocidal products (replacing Directive 98/8/EC)****Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):**

The European Commission has published a proposal for a European Regulation to replace the current Biocidal Products Directive. It proposal identifies five policy areas for change: scope, product authorisation, data sharing, data requirements and fees. The Council's Environment Working Party is currently conducting an article-by-article read-through of the proposal. The Spanish Presidency has indicated that it aims to reach political agreement in July 2010.

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**Proposed amendment of the Biocidal Products Directive (98/8/EC) to include metofluthrin, carbon dioxide, creosote and spinosad in Annex I****Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):**

Metofluthrin, carbon dioxide, creosote and spinosad will be subject to votes at the May 2010 meeting of the Standing Committee for Biocidal Products to agree whether they can be included in Annex I of the Biocidal Products Directive (BPD), and under what conditions. Annex I is a list of active substances with requirements agreed at European Union level for inclusion in biocidal products. When an active substance is listed it paves the way for biocidal products containing such active substances to be authorised for placing on the market. Following the vote, a directive listing the active substances for inclusion under Annex I of the BPD will be published in the Official Journal and member states will have to transpose it into national law. In GB and NI this is achieved by the simple use of an ambulatory reference inserted into the definition of the BPD in the relevant national implementing regulations so that Annex I inclusion directives are automatically transposed.

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<b>Proposed EC Decision establishing the register for biocidal products</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> Article 18(1) of the Biocidal Products Directive requires member states to inform the European Commission and each other of any biocidal products their competent authorities have authorised or registered for placing on the market. This proposal would establish a standardised information system to facilitate compliance with this requirement, namely the Community Register for Biocidal Products. It was given a favourable opinion by its comitology committee on 17 December 2009 and is now subject to scrutiny by the Council and the European Parliament before adoption. No action will be required by the UK to implement it.	
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<b>Proposed EC Regulation amending EC Regulation on the extension of the duration of derogations allowing the placing of biocidal products on the market (1451/2007)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> European Commission (EC) Regulation No. 1451/2007 governs the European review of existing biocidal active substances. This proposal will extend its transitional deadlines to align it with Directive 2009/107/EC. The proposal was given a favourable opinion by its comitology committee and is now subject to scrutiny by the Council and the European Parliament before adoption. No action will be required by the UK to implement it.	
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<b>Proposed EC Regulation amending Annex 1 to EC Regulation on the Export and Import of Dangerous Chemicals (689/2009)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> This proposal adds a number of chemical substances to Annex I of the European Regulation on the Export and Import of Dangerous Chemicals. It was given a favourable opinion by its comitology committee on 22 September 2009 and is now subject to scrutiny by the Council and the European Parliament before adoption.	
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**ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY DOSSIERS**

<b>Proposed EC Regulation on Type Approval of Agricultural Vehicles (Replacement for Directive 2003/37/EC)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> This proposal would align agricultural vehicles in the same European regulatory framework as other vehicles. It would be a direct replacement for the current Type Approval Directive which came fully into force on 1 July 2009. We do not expect the proposal to significantly affect HSE's activities but we maintain a watching brief to ensure that relevant safety aspects are not diluted.	
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<b>Proposed amendment of Directive 86/415/EEC (Installation, location and operation of the controls of agricultural tractors) to include specifications for external power take-off controls</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> This proposal would amend the existing directive relating to external power take-off (PTO) controls, allowing hold-to-run control for the first 3 seconds, after which full activation of the PTO could occur. The UK raised an objection to this as there is no good reason for full PTO activation with the operator in the danger zone and the clause is inconsistent with the current limitations placed on external hydraulic controls already contained in the directive. However, it was given a favourable opinion by its comitology committee and is now subject to scrutiny by the Council and the European Parliament before adoption.	
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<b>Proposed amendment of Directive 79/763/EEC (passenger seats for tractors) and Directive 89/173/EEC (components and characteristics of tractors) to include technical specifications for type approval</b>	
<b>Current status (NEW DEVELOPMENTS):</b> This proposal would amend Directives 79/763/EEC and 89/719/EEC to include a European standard for the testing of roll-over protection and seat belt anchorages for passenger seats in tractors and use an existing directive for whole body vibration testing. The stated aim is to remove tractors from the requirements of the Machinery Directive. The UK voted against the European standard during its development as it did not contain a suitable test procedure. The directive for measuring seat vibration is also not a suitable test method to provide information on whole body vibration emission levels. <b>However, it was given a favourable opinion by its comitology committee.</b> The UK is writing to the Machinery Directive's administrative cooperation group about the proposal.	
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<b>Proposed Directive codifying directives relating to the driver's seat on wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> The European Commission, in 2008, published a proposal to codify directives relating to the driver's seat on wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors. The purpose of a codification is to bring together a number of instruments into one codified text, not to make substantive amendments. However this codification has been put on hold while the comitology articles of Directive 2003/37/EC, where the proposal will get its comitology procedure from, are amended in line with the Lisbon Treaty as the current legal basis for those comitology articles cannot be applied to proposals that are agreed after 1 December 2009.	
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<b>Proposed EC Regulation on fees payable to the European Commission pursuant to the EC Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures (1272/2008)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> This proposal relates to fees payable by business to the European Chemicals Agency for applications under the European Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures for a) use of an alternative chemical name for a substance in a mixture, and for (b) a new European harmonised substance classification. It was given a favourable opinion by its comitology committee on 23 February 2010 and is now subject to scrutiny by the Council and European Parliament before adoption. No action will be required by UK to implement it.	
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**UNDER IMPLEMENTATION:****EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS DOSSIERS:**

<b>Artificial Optical Radiation Directive (2006/25/EC)</b>	
<b>Current status (NEW DEVELOPMENTS):</b> The Control of Artificial Optical Radiation at Work Regulations 2010 came into force in Great Britain on 27 April 2010. Implementing regulations are also required in Northern Ireland and Gibraltar.	
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<b>Directive establishing a 3<sup>rd</sup> List of Indicative Occupational Exposure Limit Values (2009/161/EU)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> Member states are required to transpose the directive by 18 December 2011. HSE will consult during 2010 on implementation in Great Britain, which will be achieved through amendments to the HSE publication 'EH40 Workplace Exposure Limits'. Implementation is also required in Northern Ireland and Gibraltar.	
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<b>Framework Agreement on preventing injuries from sharp instruments in the hospital and healthcare sector</b>	
<b>Current status (NEW DEVELOPMENTS):</b> Political agreement on a directive was reached at the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council on 8 March 2010 with <b>formal adoption at the Education and Youth Council on 11 May</b> . Member states have three-years to transpose it.	
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<b>Agency Workers Directive (2008/104/EC)</b>	
<b>Current status (NEW DEVELOPMENTS):</b> The main purpose of the directive is to ensure the appropriate protection of temporary agency workers. <b>Transposition was by the Agency Workers Regulations 2010, which come into force on 1 October 2011. This involved some minor changes to the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.</b>	
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**ENVIRONMENT DOSSIERS:**

**Directive (2009/107/EC) amending the transitional deadline to allow for completion of the review of active substances used in biocidal products that were already on the market before the Biocidal Products Directive (98/8/EC) came into force**

**Current status (NEW DEVELOPMENTS):**

The Biocidal Products (Amendment) Regulations 2010 came into force in Great Britain on 6 April 2010. There are equivalent regulations for Northern Ireland which came into force on 19 May. Transposition for the UK is now complete.

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**EC Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemical substances (REACH) (1907/2006)**

**Current status (NEW DEVELOPMENTS):**

This European Regulation came into force on 1 June 2007. Key recent developments include:

- Bisphenol-A (BPA) has recently been linked in the media to ill-health effects in humans arising from the presence of the substance in some food-contact plastics. The UK (in inform of HSE) was responsible for the human health risk-assessment of BPA under the Existing Substances Regulation and BPA was also considered by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in 2006 and 2008. Both HSE and EFSA concluded that there were no significant health risks from exposure to BPA via food at current levels. However, other regulators in Europe and wider internationally have recently prohibited use of BPA in materials which come in contact with baby food. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) which leads UK policy on food-contact materials is aware of this but considers it is important to have an agreed position across the European Union. An opinion is expected from EFSA towards the end of May. The FSA will study this in detail before making a decision on whether its needs to revise its position.
- The UK Competent Authority has developed a fact-sheet explaining the REACH 'authorisation' control mechanism. It is aimed to publish this following consultation with TSoI and DEFRA.

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**HEALTH AND CONSUMERS DOSSIERS:**

EC Regulation (1107/2009) concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC

Current status (**UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE**):

**This European Regulation replaces and updates the European Union's authorisation regime for pesticides. It includes provisions to increase the level of protection given to human health, animal welfare and the environment. It also aims to speed up decision-making and provide clearer rules for the crop protection industry. It will take effect from 14 June 2011. A programme of work is in progress to develop the necessary implementation measures.**

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Directive on the sustainable use of pesticides (2009/128/EC)

Current status (**UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE**):

**This directive introduces substantive new legislation on the use of pesticides. It requires member states to develop national action plans to reduce the risk associated with the use of pesticides and dependency on these chemicals. It lists a number of measures that will populate the plans, including: training of users, distributors and advisors; controls on sales; testing of application equipment; protection of watercourses, amenity and conservation areas; handling and storage; and use of integrated pest management approaches. There are a variety of implementation dates for the provisions contained within the directive however, the legislation and administrative procedures necessary to ensure compliance must be in place by 14 December 2011. A programme of work is in progress to develop the necessary implementation measures.**

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<b>EC Regulation on pesticide statistics (1185/2009)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> This European Regulation requires member states to collect data on pesticides sales and use. The data will populate models developed under an associated European project to assess the risks that can arise from the use of pesticides. It will apply to sales of products in the 2011 calendar year and use of products in yet-to-be determined reference years in 2012-2016. A programme of work is in progress to develop the necessary implementation measures.	
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### NUCLEAR DOSSIERS:

<b>Directive Establishing a Community Framework for the Nuclear Safety of Nuclear Installations (2009/71/EURATOM)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> Member states are required to transpose the Directive by 22 July 2011. HSE and DECC are working up a transposition strategy.	
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### INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DOSSIERS:

<b>Directive on Identification and Traceability of Explosives for Civil Uses (2008/43/EC)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> The Identification and Traceability of Explosives Regulations 2010 were laid before Parliament on 29 March 2010 and come into force in Great Britain on 5 April 2012. There are equivalent regulations for Northern Ireland with the same coming into force date. This should lead to the European Commission closing the infringement proceedings that it started last year against the UK for late transposition.	
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<b>Services Directive (2006/123/EC)</b>	
<b>Current status (NEW DEVELOPMENTS):</b> The Provisions of Services Regulations 2009 came into force on 28 December 2009 and apply UK-wide. Health and safety law relating to the protection of employees/self-employed is not within scope of the directive however, that relating to the protection of the public is. Work is ongoing to ensure that the authorisation schemes that HSE administers are compliant with the requirements of the directive. <b>A progress paper is being prepared for the July SMT meeting.</b>	
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<b>Machinery Directive amendment (2009/127/EC)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> Member states are required to transpose the directive by 15 June 2011. European guidance will be drafted later in 2010.	
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<b>EC Regulation on Accreditation and Market Surveillance (RAMS) (765/2008)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> This European Regulation applied from 1 January 2010 and sets accreditation and market surveillance obligations relating to the marketing of products in the European Union. Following agreement between HSE and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) on existing gaps in enforcement powers in UK legislation to meet the requirements of RAMS, BIS wrote to HSE asking if it should introduce legislation to give us and other authorities these powers. They also asked HSE if the Placing on the Market and Supervision of Transfers of Explosives Regulations (POMSTER) 1993 should be included in the list of applicable legislation. HSE has agreed that POMSTER should be included as relevant legislation. Draft UK Regulations giving HSE and other inspectors extra powers were put out for public consultation by BIS on 31 March 2010 with a closing date of 23 June 2010.	
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<b>EC Regulation on Mutual Recognition of Goods in the European Union (764/2008)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> This European Regulation applied from 13 May 2009 and defines the rights and obligations of, on the one hand, competent authorities and, on the other, enterprises wishing to sell in a member state products lawfully marketed in another member state, when competent authorities intend to take restrictive measures concerning a product in accordance with national technical rules. We do not expect the Regulation to affect significantly HSE's activities as the majority of work products already come under specific supply directives, but the full effects will take some time to become evident.	
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<b>Directive relating the driver-perceived noise level of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors (2009/76/EC)</b>	
<b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b> This codified directive applied from 1 January 2010. The UK will need to amend its legislation to remove the reference to the original 1978 directive which has been repealed.	
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<b>EC Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (1272/2008) – 1<sup>st</sup> Adaptation to Technical Progress</b>	
<p><b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b>  The 1<sup>st</sup> Adaptation to Technical Progress (ATP) of European Regulation on classification, labelling and packaging was published in the Official Journal on 5 September 2009 as Regulation No. 790/2009. Duty holders have to comply with the new substance classifications by 1 December 2010. This ATP incorporated the then proposed 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> ATPs to the Dangerous Substances Directive. In December 2008, ETIME SA, a Turkish borate producer, issued proceedings against DWP seeking Judicial Review and referral from a British Court to the European Court of Justice (ECJ), challenging the classifications for borate substances that appear in the 30<sup>th</sup> ATP. This followed similar action initiated by the nickel industry against DWP in September 2008, seeking Judicial Review of the classification of certain nickel compounds also in the 30<sup>th</sup> ATP, and referral to the ECJ. On 6 May, Rio Tinto joined the action initiated by ETIME. Rio Tinto is opposed to the re-classification of borate substances. Both cases have now been referred to the ECJ and will come up for hearings in due course.</p>	
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<b>EU Regulation amending Annex XVII of REACH concerning restrictions on marketing and use of dichloromethane (276/2010)</b>	
<p><b>Current status (UNCHANGED FROM LAST BOARD UPDATE):</b>  This European Regulation came into force on 2 April. It incorporates European Commission Decisions concerning restrictions on the marketing and use of dichloromethane (DCM), lamp oils, grill lighter fluids and organostannic compounds within Annex XVII of REACH. HSE is currently looking at, with industry, what additional domestic legislative measures will be necessary in order for the UK to benefit from the permitted derogation for certain professional uses of DCM-based paint strippers, which will otherwise be unlawful after June 2012.</p>	
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