

## PABIAC February 2008 – Papermaking Sector/ CPI Update

### 1) Injury statistics

Year ending injury statistics have recently been released, and when comparing our 2007 performance against 2006 we can see some improvements. The papermaking sector have achieved a 16% reduction in the total number of RIDDOR injuries being reported, which has contributed to 30% reduction in minor injuries and a 9% reduction in our overall injury rate. Injury through 'hitting something fixed or stationary' and injury through 'contact with moving machinery or material' have also shown a significant decrease, although the latter was the cause of last months fatality.

Of the 20 major injuries reported in 2007 - 'slipping, tripping or fell on the same level' accounted for 40%, 'hit by a moving, flying or falling object' and 'contact with machinery or materials' both 20%, and 'fell from a height' 15%.

STF remains the biggest cause of all injuries, and it will be one of the main topics that through the Paper and Tissue H&S Committee and regional advisor meetings, we will be re-focusing on in 2008.

An annual summary of the 2007 performance against 2006 is set out in the tables below:

Data	Dec 2006	Dec 2007	Difference
Major Injury Rate	1.41	1.59	+ 13%
Total Injury rate	12.39	11.24	- 9%
Number of Injuries	176	148	- 16%
Minor	156	109	- 30%
Major	20	20	0
Fatal	0	1	+ 100%
Scottish region injury rate	8.36	11.28	+ 35%
Northern region injury rate	12.50	10.08	- 19%
South West region injury rate	16.09	16.62	+ 3%
South East region injury rate	8.40	9.90	+ 18%

Accidents by Kind Data	Dec 2006	Dec 2007	Difference
Slipped, tripped or fell on same level	44	41	- 7%
Injured while handling, lifting or carrying	33	33	0
Another kind of accident	8	20	+ 150%
Contact with moving machinery or material	24	12	- 50%
Hit by moving/flying or falling object	16	12	- 25%
Fell from a height	7	10	+ 43%
Awaiting F2508	28	8	- 71%
Hit something fixed or stationary	10	6	- 40%
Exposed to, or in contact with, a harmful substance	3	6	+ 100%
Hit by moving vehicle	3	2	- 33%

### 2) Health and Safety Committee meetings

#### Paper & Tissue H&S Committee

The group met in January. The main agenda items for discussion and action were the sector action plan 2008 – 2009 along with the PABIAC strategic targets proposal for 2008 – 2011.

It was agreed that the action plan will include

- Holding 2 regional workshops over the next 12 months
- Transport (CPI working group to convene and decide appropriate action, once the findings of the HSL research are known)
- Producing a list of leading indicators for companies to use
- Felt changing group to complete project, and produce an industry 'help guide'
- Review STF data, identify common causations, trends etc... and through the regional safety meetings share ideas on 'best practices'

Plan will need to be finalised with timescales attached.

The PABIAC strategy 2008 - 2011 was discussed in detail; comments from the committee are included in the consultation response paper. (See separate paper)

### **Northern and South East Regional H&S meetings.**

Both groups reconvened after a break of 12 months, good support by mills, particularly in the northern region. The groups will be actively involved in arranging the workshops. Next northern meeting will focus on the issues around STF.

### **3) Safety Alerts**

#### **0708 – Kimberly-Clark - Perini Machine Fatality**

On 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007 Chris Massey, was killed in an accident at Kimberly Clark tissue mill in Barrow. After requests from Unite the Union, Kimberly-Clark issued a statement.

Companies were reminded to ensure that

- All parts of machines are properly guarded;
- Safe Systems of Work are in place;
- Any manual interventions are strictly governed by agreed Standard Operating Procedures; and
- All personnel are competent

All companies should pay particular attention to the PABIAC guidance "Rewinding paper safely: Safe use of reeling and slitting machines", available free on the HSE website at - [www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/web07.pdf](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/web07.pdf)."

### **4) CPI news articles**

The following articles have been covered in CPI news

- 1) Revitalising Network Group Meeting – Advice to trailer manufacturers and users of vehicles
- 2) The Competent Authority, regional REACH roadshows
- 3) HSE reminds employers of their legal duties after scrapyards worker is killed and employer is fined £200,000
- 4) Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 – Update
- 5) Publication of the HSC and the Institute of Directors (IoD) 'Leading health and safety at work', for directors.