

**PRINTING INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON SAFETY & HUMAN FACTORS**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2002

PRESENT

Mr M Wilcock
Mr I Hobson
Miss Z Denmark
Mr I Wilkinson
Mr P Bryant
Mr D Wallis
Mr P Chambers
Mr B Hudspith
Mrs J Hardy

REPRESENTING

HSE Chairman
HSE Secretary
BPIF / Jarrold Printing
Goss Graphic Systems
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HSE

APOLOGIES

Mr M McGilly

Summary of Action Agreed

1. (Min 4.1.3) Draft PIAC Bulletin to be produced to advise machine users of the fatal accident at the delivery guarding at new sheet fed offset lithographic presses.

ACTION Ian Hobson.

2. (Min 5.6) Communicating with small businesses. Committee to be given an update at the next meeting as the work develops.

ACTION Jacqui Hardy.

3. (Min 7.2) - A PIAC Bulletin is to be produced to alert users as to the issues surrounding this machine what action now need to be taken

ACTION Ian Hobson

4. (Min 7.3) BPIF to provide details of ITOSH Guillotines with clamping pressure that do not comply with PIAC Guidance

ACTION Phil Chambers

1. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Messer's Wilkinson and Larkin who attended as new members and introduced Mr Hobson the new Committee Secretary.

1.2 Apologies were noted

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were agreed.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 (Min 7.1) IPEX sales (including the revised Printers Guide), totalled £1000. Purchasers included visitors from Hong Kong and Dubai –

Item discharged.

3.2 (Min 4.7) Summarised Working time discussions at PIAC had been incorporated in the revised Printers Guide –

Item discharged.

3.3 (Min 7.2) Members were thanked for photo contributions provided for inclusion in the revised Printers Guide –

item discharged.

4 DELIVERY GUARDING AT NEW SHEET FED OFFSET LITHOGRAPHIC PRESSES FOLLOWING A FATAL ACCIDENT IN GERMANY

4.1.1 The committee were informed as to the circumstances of a fatal accident at the delivery end of a lithographic press in Germany. He had entered the delivery end without fully isolating the machine. A second colleague then started the machine unaware that the first man was still in the delivery end.

4.1.2 CEN TC 198 has put together proposals for additional photoelectric safeguarding, which can detect when a person enters the delivery end. It is proposed to put forward amendments to prEN 1010 part 2 so that new machines with whole body access into the delivery area will be designed with the additional safeguards at the delivery end of the machine. No date has yet been set for the implementation of these proposals but CEN TC 198 mentioned a possible date of 2004.

4.1.3 It is proposed to issue a PIAC Bulletin to advise machine users of the accident and confirm good practice.

5 COMMUNICATING WITH SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED ENTERPRISES – UPDATE

5.1 A strategy has now been put together to improve communications with small and medium businesses. A number of elements of the strategy are currently under development, each element being at a different stage of progress.

5.2 HSL are to carry out a mapping exercise to identify the key intermediaeries in the printing sector that may be able to deliver Health and Safety Messages to small and medium businesses. This item is at an early stage and it will be a little while before the key players have been identified and their needs outlined.

5.3 Funding has been approved for a seminar for small printers in January 2003.

5.4 1 The organisation Head Teachers in Industry is to be contacted to see if there is any ways that the health and safety message can be communicated through this route.

5.4.2 An evaluation of the work of other departments will also be done to see if there are any other lessons that can be incorporated into this work.

5.5 HSE is reviewing and revising its training course for operational inspectors

5.6 The Sector group will give a regular update on progress as this area of work develops.

6 PRINTING INSPECTION PROGRAMME

6.1 A small HSE local project, undertaken by an operational inspector examined whether it was better to make an appointment or carry out inspections by prior appointment. The work suggested that there were no benefits gained by making appointments to inspect instead of cold calling. What seemed to be more of a factor was the number of visits previous inspectors had made and whether they had been carried out relatively recently or many years ago.

6.2 Although the project is for information only, it emphasises the importance of getting health and safety message across to small businesses.

7. HEROLD GUILLOTINES

7.1 A recent HSL report following an accident on an old mechanically operated Herold sweep away paper cutting guillotine drew attention to a number of electrical and mechanical safety issues. The committee discussed the feasibility of prohibiting these machines following an HSL investigation and recommendations therein.

7.2 Following discussion it was agreed that a PIAC Bulletin will be issued alerting users of the issues involved and what action they should now take. It was agreed that the Secretary would talk to the authors of the report to seek further information and backing for enforcement action.

7.3 BPIF advised that some ITOSH Guillotines might not comply with the clamping pressure as specified in the PIAC guidance. BPIF agreed to provide information to Sector.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 IPEX – The Sector reported the excellent stand location had attracted many visitors and publication sales. It was confirmed the stand posters and models could be borrowed if required.

8.2 Gas Explosion on lift truck – it was reported that a gas powered lift truck had caught fire causing the gas cylinder to rupture and explode. The Fail-safe mechanism (plug) had failed. The question of guidance was raised and the importance of changing plugs and valves regularly. The Sector agreed to establish what standards and guidance existed.

9. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday, 17th September 2002 at the BPIF, London

Thursday 20th February 2003 at the BPIF, London