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INTERDEPARTMENTAL LIAISON GROUP ON RISK ASSESSMENT

MATTERS ARISING

A Paper by the Secretariat

Minutes of 7 November 2000 Meeting (ILGRA/NOV00/MIN)

1. The minutes of the meeting on 7 November 2000 were circulated to members on 23 January 2001. Amendments to paragraph 8 were received from the Cabinet Office and incorporated into the minutes.

An interdepartmental policy on the Precautionary Principle (ILGRA/NOV00/04)

2. Other pressures have precluded significant further work since the New Year. However, these are resolving and a final draft, together with a draft Ministerial submission, will be circulated shortly. One benefit of delay is submission after, rather than during, the foot and mouth crisis.

Development of a 'one-stop' system for the control of chemicals (ILGRA/NOV00/06)

3. A joint bid by HSE and the Environment Agency (EA) for funding from the Treasury's Invest to Save Budget has been successful. The bid was for funding to develop an interactive Internet based system to help small firms manage the health, safety and environmental risks from chemicals in the workplace. The funding will provide £250,000 for staff resources and research. The bid was based on the feasibility study which was presented to ILGRA in November 2000.

4. A stakeholder seminar is planned for 25th June 2001 to which health, safety and environmental specialists as well as representatives from small firms, industry and trade unions will be invited. Following the meeting a steering group will be established to manage the project.

3rd ILGRA Report to Ministers: a first outline (ILGRA/NOV00/07)

5. Due to other pressures preparation of the 3rd ILGRA report has been delayed. A draft will be circulated to members in the next few months.

Risk associated with privacy and data sharing on the web (ILGRA NOV00/08)

6. The privacy and data-sharing report is due to be published in two to three months. The Performance Innovation Unit is grateful to ILGRA members for their very useful inputs at, and following, the last meeting.