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Subject: RE: Working at heights directive

Dear Susan,

Thank you for your message concerning the "working at heights directive" that you sent when I was already on holidays.

I am pleased to inform you that the "working at heights directive" has the same scope of application as the Framework Directive 89/391/EEC and, therefore, it applies to all sectors of activity where temporary work at a height is carried out.

I hope this information is of some help for you.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next Plenary,

Best wishes,

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Dear Ramon

I hope you are well, and that you haven't yet gone on holiday as I am looking for some help.

As you know, there have been a lot of stupid comments in the UK press about the Working at Heights Directive. It was good to see such a strong response from the Commission - the letter was printed in at least two newspapers, one from Antonia Mochan, Brussels and one from Jim Dougal, head of the London EC office.

The only thing we are not sure about is that when the EC letter says "It's clear from the text of the 'working at heights directive' that it applies to working in an industrial or construction context", what is meant by 'industrial' because this implies to us only manufacturing or engineering, and the Directive makes no reference to these specific industries. Can you give us any advice on this?

Thanks in advance for your help.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next Plenary.

Best wishes

Susan

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