

**THE HEALTH & SAFETY COMMISSION'S (HSC) RAILWAY INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RIAC)
PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2002/03 AND BEYOND**

MISC/03/20

Work Item	2002	2003	2004 & beyond	Key outcomes
HSC Strategy Specific Aim 1:				
Revitalise health and safety performance on the railways through targeted regulatory action				
1. Undertake initiatives to address railway crime (including trespass, vandalism and violence to staff)	<p>June – A session on railway crime was included at the RIAC public meeting in York.</p> <p>Nov – RIAC endorsed the work of the rail industry's National Route Crime Group.</p>			Maintain a watching brief on National Route Crime Group work, linking as appropriate.
2. Promote a safety culture in the railway industry (including promoting health and safety best practice)	<p>Nov – RIAC reviewed and supported the HSC's strategy (2002-05) for improving health and safety on the railways.</p>	(see item 14 below)		Delivery of HSC's strategy (2002- 05) for improving health and safety on the railways.
3. Promote occupational health in the railway industry	<p>June – Initial discussion of the way forward in promoting Occupational Health in Railways Industry.</p> <p>Nov – RIAC agreed to reconstitute its Occupational Health Sub Group to draft a strategy to promote occupational health in the railway industry.</p>	<p>March – Progress report on work on RIAC strategy for promoting occupational health.</p> <p>June – RIAC to agree proposals for developing strategy for promoting occupational health</p> <p>Oct – Progress report</p>	Early 2004 – Agree and publish new occupational health strategy	RIAC occupational health strategy (including an action plan linking to HSC's Securing Health Together Programme).
4. Identify key priorities for future railway safety research (2005 and beyond)		<p>Oct – Consideration of a scoping paper.</p>		Key priorities for railway related research for 2005 and beyond

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5. Managing contractors in safety critical work (including railways maintenance and renewal)		Oct – Paper on the proposed research project.		
HSC Strategy Specific Aim 2: Provide an effective and transparent regulatory framework				
6. Review the Railway (Safety Case) Regulations (RSCR)	Nov – RIAC discussed the timetable and progress on the evaluation and review of regulations on railway safety case.	April - Report on emerging findings from the evaluation and review. Sept/Oct - Discussion Document published.	Draft CD (Feb 04) Final proposals (Oct 04)	Revised Railways (Safety Case) Regulations
7. Review of the approvals regime	Nov – RIAC discussed the proposed project plan and timetable for the review of the Railways and Other Transport Systems (Work, Plant & Equipment) Regulations (ROTS)	Sept/Oct – Discussion Document published	Draft CD (Feb 04) Final proposals (Oct 04)	Revised arrangements in place for ensuring safety of railway works, plant and equipment
8. Ensuring high standards in the supply chain for goods and services on the railways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (a) review of ROTS (see 7 above); - (b) accreditation - (c) interoperability 	Nov – RIAC progress report paper.	March – (b) RIAC considered options for the accreditation of the supply chain. April – (b) Advice on options to HSC. Oct – (b) Paper updating RIAC on HSC's preferred option for accreditation of the supply chain Sept/Oct – (b) Consideration of the draft Consultative	March – (b) RIAC Consideration of the outcome & analysis of responses to consultation.	Decision by HSC on how to implement Lord Cullen's recommendation on accreditation of the supply chain

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9. Improving competence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (a) review of Railway (Safety Critical Work) Regulations (R(SCW)R) - (b) licensing - (c) framework for skills 	Nov – RIAC progress report paper.	<p>Document and possible regs.</p> <p>Mar – (a) RIAC considered options arising from review of R(SCW)R. (b) Consideration of options for the accreditation of the supply chain.</p> <p>Apr – (a) & (b) Advice on options to HSC.</p> <p>Oct – (a) & (b) Paper updating RIAC on HSC's preferred option for accreditation of the supply chain & review of R(SCW)R.</p> <p>Aug/Sept – (c) Paper updating progress on SRA/DFES's Framework for Skills in the rail industry.</p> <p>Oct – (a) & (b) Consideration of the draft Consultative Document and possible regulations.</p>	<p>March – (a) & (b) RIAC consideration of the outcome & analysis of responses to consultation.</p> <p>Aug/Sept – (c) Paper updating progress on SRA/DfES's Framework for Skills in the rail industry.</p>	<p>(a) & (b) Decision by HSC on how to take forward the outcome of the review of R(SCW)R.</p> <p>(c) Synergy between Lord Cullen's recommendations on competence and the Framework for Skills.</p>

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10. Advise on the European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS)	Nov – RIAC discussed the outcome of the HSE review of the rail industry's ERTMS programme team report and the emerging findings from the public dialogue on train protection.	9 Jan – Special RIAC meeting on ERTMS.		Advice given to the HSC on ERTMS on 14 January 2003
11. Passenger safety & crowding		15 Jan – Transport Select Committee inquiry into overcrowding on public transport June – Possible theme for RIAC public meeting		
12. RIAC public meetings	June – Meeting held in York	October – Public meeting in Birmingham.	June 04 – Public meeting June 05 – Public meeting	One public meeting per year
13. Reconstitution of RIAC and its Sub Groups	Nov – RIAC agreed its Programme of Work for 2002/03 & beyond and to review its subgroups	March – RIAC agreed proposals arising from review of working groups	March 04 – Review of working group arrangements	Improved working arrangements
HSC Strategy Specific Aim 3: Ensure the delivery of the improvements recommended in public inquiry reports				
14. Guidance on priorities in changes proposed in public inquiries	Nov – Review of HSC's strategy	Oct – Information on proposed way forward on remaining public inquiry recommendations		Annual progress reports
15. Creation of the Rail Safety and Standards Board (RSSB)	June – RIAC advice to HSC on new body and its relationship with HSC	Apr - RSSB established Oct – Paper on RSSB & relationships with RIAC		
16. Creation of the Railway Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB)	July – DfT consultation paper on establishing RAIB circulated to RIAC members	Summer - RAIB established		

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HSC Strategy Specific Aim 4: Influence and contribute to the wider strategies of other rail stakeholders to maximise our collective contributions to rail health and safety				
17. Rail Regulator's interim review of Track Access Charges	Nov –ORR gave a presentation on the review	Sept/Oct – Regulator publishes draft interim review conclusions Dec - Final conclusions	2004 – Implementation of conclusions	
18. Review of stakeholders perceptions of HSE	Nov – The research contractors (Business Strategy Group) gave a presentation on the review	Jan – Interviews with stakeholders 1 May – Report emerging findings to key rail stakeholders Oct – Possible new approaches on engaging railway stakeholders	Jan – Repeat of survey to gauge changes	New approaches to working with stakeholders
HSC Strategy Apecific Aim 5: Shape the rail safety agenda in Europe so that it aligns as far as possible with UK structures and approaches				
19. Advice to HSC on European legislation and strategic developments	June – RIAC considered a draft response to DfT on 2 nd EC Railways package			
20. Mapping EU Member States systems and approaches to railway safety		Oct – Mapping paper		

*Items in red are RIAC led

Glossary or terms

RIAC – Railway Industry Advisory Committee

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HSC – Health and Safety Commission

DfT – Department for Transport

DfES – Department for Education and Skills

SRA – Strategic Rail Authority

RSSB – Rail Safety & Standards Board

RAIB – Rail Accident Investigation Branch

CD – Consultation Document

EU – European Union

EC – European Commission