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HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION

Progress of the Review of the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR)

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Issue

1. To update the Commission on the progress of the Review following a stakeholders Public Forum meeting held on 20 January 2005.

Timing

2. Routine.

Recommendation

3. That Commissioners note the current position.

Background

4. Please see MISC/05/03 dated 18 January 2005.

Argument

5. On 20 January, HSE held a stakeholders Public Forum meeting to discuss HSE's plans for a Consultation Document (CD). The meeting, chaired by Jonathan Rees, took place at the Institution of Civil Engineers. 22 key stakeholders (see **Annex 1**) had an opportunity to express their views on the draft CD and options for change.
6. The meeting was positive and constructive but no consensus was reached on a clear way forward for the Review. It was agreed that the following key issues needed to be addressed in the CD but there were different views on their priority and importance:
 - HSE and local authorities needed to be clear about the objectives of the Regulations and what the enforcing authorities needed from RIDDOR rather than what they wanted - by doing this, they would gain acceptance from stakeholders;
 - the Review must avoid becoming too focussed on the needs of the enforcing authorities;
 - the legal requirement to record information was at least, if not more, important than the requirement to report – a balance was required between the need to record information on incidents in a flexible way and thresholds for reporting; and
 - the CD should look at whether:
 - occupational ill health should continue to be reported under RIDDOR;
 - 'at work' work-related road traffic incidents should be made reportable under RIDDOR; and
 - the collection of statistical information should be 'disconnected' from other RIDDOR objectives.

Commissioners may also have views on these issues.

7. Although these issues were agreed, there was no clear agreement or consensus on a way forward. Different stakeholders were looking for different solutions to address these issues.

Financial/Resource/Environmental/Other Implications for HSE

8. None at this stage.

Action

9. Commissioners are asked to note the current position. It is hoped to present a paper covering a formal CD to the Commission in March/April.

RIDDOR PUBLIC FORUM – 20 JANUARY 2005 - LIST OF ATTENDEES

<u>Non-HSE</u>	
Ms V Gracie-Landrick	Local Authorities Coordinators of Regulatory Services (LACORS)
Dr J Asherson	CBI
Miss S Williamson	GlaxoSmithKline
Mr D Ballard	British Safety Council
Ms B Rigby	Centre for Corporate Accountability
Ms L Ward	Engineering Employers Federation
Mr R Bibbings	Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)
Sir Charles George	British Medical Association
Mr G Hooke	British Safety Industry Federation
Mr I Foulkes	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
Ms S Patel	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
Mr N Budworth	Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
Mr V Borg	UNISON
Mr B Bennett	CORGI
Ms S Murray	TGWU
Mr T Mellish	TUC
Mr D Greenway	Small Business Service
Mrs P Stanley	NFU
Mr S d'Albertanson	Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB)
Ms F Bagatti	Federation of Small Businesses
Mr P Grace	Association of British Insurers (Norwich Union)
Mr S Hurles	Health and Safety Executive and Local Authority Liaison Committee (HELA) (for Mr Myers, Chair of HELA)

<u>HSE</u>	
Mr J Rees	Deputy Director-General Policy (Chair)
Mr G Denham	Director, Policy Group
Mr P Davies	HSE's Chief Scientist and Engineer, Director of CoSAS
Mr J Russell	Policy Group, Head of Cross-cutting Interventions Division 2
Mr P Buckley	Head of Strategy Division
Mr G Stevens	Corporate Science & Analytical Services (CoSAS), Head of Safety & Enforcement Statistics
Mr B Etheridge	Director, Field Operations Directorate London
Mr G Holder	Cross-cutting Interventions Division 2
Mr F McGuigan	Cross-cutting Interventions Division 2
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<u>Apologies received</u>	
Better Regulation Task Force	
Construction Confederation	
GMB	
ICI	
Industrial Injuries Advisory Council	
National Audit Office	
Nestlé	
Rio Tinto plc	
J Sainsbury	
UCATT	