

## Implementation of the Asbestos Worker Protection Directive

### Summary of DRAFT communications plan

Most of the proposals for the implementation of the Asbestos Worker Protection Directive are supported by stakeholders, but some are not. We need to be very clear about why we are proposing the changes.

#### Communication objective

Raise awareness of the results of the consultation exercise and proposed changes to the asbestos regulations with key stakeholders, and ensure the rationale for the changes are understood.

#### Key messages

1. This is a package that strengthens overall worker protection;
2. Aim to simplify and rationalise the asbestos regulatory regime;
3. Aim to align the basis of the licensing regime with the risk-based approach for worker protection; and
4. HSC has taken into account the responses to the consultation and acted upon them.

#### Key stakeholders and how we intend to engage in future

<b>Key stakeholders</b> <i>(not all listed)</i>	<b>Proposed Communications Activities</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>HSC</b>	- Paper for 9 <sup>th</sup> May meeting - <b>Press release</b>	End April After 9th May
<b>Trades Unions</b> TUC, Amicus, TGWU, UCATT, NUT, CWU,	- <b>Meet</b>	Ongoing
<b>Minister &amp; MPs</b> Lord Hunt, Early Day Motion signatories, PM's PRA & Cabinet Office, ODPM	- <b>Write and/or article</b> in Stakeholder Engagement Team bi-monthly Newsletter for MPs to explain changes	After 9 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Licensed contractors</b> ARCA, TICA, ACAD	- <b>Meet</b>	Ongoing
<b>Victim support groups</b>	- <b>Write</b> and possibly - <b>Meet</b> some	After 9 May
<b>Employers</b> CBI, IoD	- <b>Write</b> - <b>Meet</b> if necessary	After 9 May
<b>Other Duty holders</b> LAs, construction industry (esp. repair & maintenance)	- Possible sector-specific guidance on TCs, - Possible Guidance for construction industry, - other communications (e.g. guidance)	Oct/Nov +
<b>HSE staff</b>	- internal enforcement guidance	Oct/Nov +
<b>Other Govt. Dept: DWP, Defra, Env. Agency, NI, EU</b>	- <b>write</b> and/or - <b>meet</b>	Oct/Nov +
<b>Public</b>	- Guidance - what to require and expect from those carrying out asbestos work	Oct/Nov +