

<b>Advisory Committee on Toxic Substances Paper</b>		<b>ACTS/01/2006</b>	
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## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES**

### **Results from the asbestos consultation and seeking a steer on the way forward for asbestos regulations and an ACoP**

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#### **Issue**

1. Results of consultation exercise on new asbestos regulations. To confirm all the proposals consulted upon, including the proposal to remove work with textured decorative coatings containing asbestos (TCs) from the asbestos licensing regime. In addition to agree a new proposal on the implementation of 'sporadic and low intensity exposure' as required by the Asbestos Worker Protection Directive (AWPD).

#### **Timing**

2. Urgent - see attached HSC paper.

#### **Recommendation**

3. That ACTS consider and comment on the attached HSC paper.

#### **Background**

4. At the last meeting, ACTS members requested a discussion on the information paper on asbestos ACTS/02/2005 and the results of recent consultation on amendments to the asbestos legislation and ACoPs (CD 205 published in November 2005).

#### **Argument**

5. HSC will consider the attached paper at its meeting on 9 May 2006. ACTS are invited to comment on the paper and a summary of the views of ACTS will be reported to HSC at the meeting.

#### **Link to HSC Strategy**

6. This work forms part of the Policy Programme.

#### **Communication Plan**

7. See attached HSC paper.

**Evaluation Plan**

8. Not applicable.

**Consultation**

9. See attached HSC paper.

**Costs and Benefits**

10. See attached HSC paper.

**Financial/Resource Implications for HSE**

11. See attached HSC paper.

**Environmental implications**

12. None

**European implications**

13. See attached HSC paper.

**Other implications**

14. See attached HSC paper.

**Action**

15. See attached HSC paper.

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