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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Committees with related interests to ACTS

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Background

At the ACTS meeting on 12th April 2010, members stated that they wanted information on other committees with related interests to ACTS. This paper provides a brief outline on relevant committees, with links to where further information, including work plans where available, can be found.

Committees and working groups - HSE

Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens (ACDP) Date of last meeting: 13-10-09
ACDP advises HSE and Ministers for the Department of Health and DEFRA, as required, on all aspects of hazards and risks to workers and others from exposure to pathogens. ACDP is serviced by a joint secretariat (HSE, DEFRA and the HPA).

Agriculture Industry Advisory Committee (AIAC) Date of last meeting: 03-02-10
In partnership with HSE, AIAC aims to support the new HSE Strategy and Agriculture Revisited to promote a reduction in the number of deaths in the farming industry in the longer term and prompt changes in behaviour and culture.

The AIAC has six project groups:

- Arboriculture and Forestry Advisory Group (AFAG)
- Transport and Machinery Project Group
- Vulnerable Workers Project Group
 - Casual, temporary and migrant working project
- Training and Education Project Group
- Gathering Intelligence about Behaviours, Attitudes and Cultures Project Group
- Livestock Project Group

Asbestos Liaison Group (ALG) Date of last meeting: 26-05-10
ALG is a forum of key stakeholders that aim to promote measures that will bring about a reduction in the level of asbestos related diseases.

Ceramics, cement, concrete, heavy clay, refractories and glass manufacturing industries joint health and safety advisory committee (C3HARGE) Date of last meeting: 17-03-10
Formerly known as the Ceramics Industry Advisory Committee (CERIAC), the remit was expanded to include other mineral industries. C3HARGE was created to provide a forum

for member industries to promote improved standards of health and safety and the 'Revitalising Agenda' within the industries of glass and glazing, ceramics, cement, concrete, heavy clay & bricks and refractories.

Construction Industry Advisory Committee (CONIAC) Date of last meeting: 03-03-10

CONIAC advises HSE on the protection of people at work (and others) from hazards to health and safety within the building, civil engineering and engineering construction industry. CONIAC has three sub groups helping to take forward its work:

- Safety Working Group
- Working Well Together Steering Group
- Occupational Health Working Group

Foundries Industry Advisory Committee (FIAC) Date of last meeting: 17-02-10

The primary role of the body is to provide a forum for member industries to promote improved standards of health and safety and the "Revitalising agenda" within the foundries industry.

Mining Industry Committee (MIC) (Formerly the Deep Mined Coal Industry Advisory Committee (DMCIAC)) Date of last meeting: 20-10-09

The primary role of this body is to provide a forum for the Mining Industry to maintain and improve major hazard controls and standards of health and safety.

Motor Vehicle Repair Health and Safety Forum Date of last meeting: 24-03-10

Advise HSE on the protection of people at work from hazards to health and safety arising out of their work activities connected with any aspect of the repair, maintenance or servicing of all types of motor vehicles.

Printing Industry Advisory Committee (PIAC) Date of last meeting: 26-11-09

PIAC advises HSE on the protection of people from health and safety hazards arising within the printing and publishing industries. It is also responsible for the protection of the public from related hazards.

The Quarries National Joint Advisory Committee (QNJAC) Date of last meeting: 10-03-10

Membership is drawn from HSE, relevant trade associations, trade union and professional bodies. Its aim is to promote health and safety in all sectors of the quarrying and associated industries and raise health and safety concerns.

Rubber Industry Advisory Committee (RUBIAC) Date of last meeting: 16-02-10

Advise HSE on the protection of people at work and others from hazards to health and safety arising within the rubber industry.

Scientific Advisory Committee on Genetic Modification (Contained Use), (SACGM(CU))

Formerly Advisory Committee on Genetic Modification (ACGM)

Date of last meeting: 18-03-09

SACGM (CU) provides technical and scientific advice to the UK Competent Authorities on all aspects of the human and environmental risks of the contained use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Textiles Industry Advisory Committee (TEXIAC) Date of last meeting: 19-05-10

To advise the Commission on the protection of people at work and others from hazards to health and safety arising within the textile and clothing industry.

Please refer to <http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/meetings/committees.htm> to see the individual web pages of each of the above committees.

Waste Industry Safety and Health (WISH) Forum Date of last meeting: 28-01-10

Representatives from the waste management and recycling industry have come together to form the WISH forum. WISH members include representatives from HSE, main trade associations, professional associations, trade unions, recycling organisations and national and local government bodies involved in waste management and recycling. The aim of WISH is to identify, devise and promote activities to improve industry health and safety standards. Please see <http://www.hse.gov.uk/waste/wish.htm> for further details.

Committees, groups and forums – Other Government Departments (OGDs)

Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances (ACHS)

A statutory body under DEFRA that provides expert advice on the science behind hazardous chemicals. It is politically independent and provides objective, impartial advice from a purely scientific perspective.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/chemicals/achs/index.htm>

UK Chemicals Stakeholder Forum (CSF)

A DEFRA forum that advises the Government on how industry should reduce the risks from hazardous chemicals to the environment and to human health through the environment.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/chemicals/csf/index.htm>

Advisory Committee on Pesticides (ACP)

A statutory body set up by Defra Ministers to advise on all matters relating to the control of pesticides.

http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/acp_home.asp

Committees on Carcino-genicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COC), Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COT),

Mutagenicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COM)

Independent advisory committees to provide advice to Government departments and agencies on the potential carcinogenicity/ toxicity/mutagenicity of chemicals, from natural products to new synthetic chemicals used in pesticides or pharmaceuticals.

<http://www.iacoc.org.uk>