

# How we are trying to improve EU limit setting

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# Presentation

- Short overview of the EU limit setting system
- Ways we have tried to influence EU limit setting and the system
- Future of EU limit setting system

# Overview of EU limit setting system

Ways we have tried to influence  
the EU limit setting system

- Active involvement in Chemicals in the Workplace AHG – UK Gov, TUC & Employer representation
- Proactive lobbying of other MSs to gain support for removal of 9 ILV substances from 2<sup>nd</sup> IOELV Directive
- HSE secondee to DG Employment – Alick Morris

# Continued

- Submit list of priority substances for the National Expert Working Group (NEWG) to consider referring to SCOEL
- Building up networks in Europe with Govn't representatives
- Encourage other bodies, eg Worker and Employer groups to make alliances and lobby DG Emp directly.

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- Write to Director General about the handling and delay in adopting 2<sup>nd</sup> IOELV Directive.

# Future of EU limit setting process

- EC's 1<sup>st</sup> phase social partners' consultation on CMRs – 2 March 2004
- Proposals:
- Extend Carcinogens Directive to include reprotoxins
- Establish OELs for carcinogens and reprotoxins not yet listed in directive.

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- Revise existing OELs for carcinogens in the Directive
- Introduce the possibility of adopting indicative OELs for CMRs by technical progress – Key debate
- Discussion on environmental tobacco smoke

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- No formal UK view developed – but sent comments to CO in role of employers of public servants
- Developing UK position – firstly, internally and then more widely
- Possible timetable – 2<sup>nd</sup> phase consultation in 9 months. If supported, draft proposal mid 2005