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
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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\textsuperscript{nd} IOELV Directive

• HSE secondee to DG Employment – Alick Morris
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• 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 2nd IOELV Directive.
Future of EU limit setting process
• EC’s 1st 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 – 2nd phase consultation in 9 months. If supported, draft proposal mid 2005