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**HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE
AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AIAC)**

Overview of the AFAG meeting held on 17 May 2016

Significant matters discussed

1. European Chainsaw Certificates – a further update was provided regarding chainsaw certificate of competence certificates issued by EFSCE and ABA international – certificates are likely to be comparable to those issued by UK awarding bodies. Some issues remain regarding dates, which are being taken up with City & Guilds/NPTC Assessors involved in the project.
2. Report back from FISA was received, summary provided to AIAC.
3. The application of LOLER and PUWER to winching operations was discussed, including industry confusion. Paper to be produced for future AFAG meeting.
4. The Chainsaw Accidents working group is looking at the hierarchy of control and roles and responsibilities. Paper to be produced for November.
5. Small-scale forestry machinery – The Forestry Commission have produced guidance on the use of small scale forestry machinery although concern was expressed regarding potential misuse. To be considered at the next meeting.
6. Occupational health will be a theme for APF and opportunities are being investigated to link in with Scottish Government initiatives.
7. Two Forestry and one Arboriculture SHAD's have been held since the last AIAC meeting, each with at least 50% industry funding
8. A revised BS EN 609-1 Wedge type log splitters – will be published during 2016. Suppliers have been written to.
9. Work is in progress on a new woodchipper standard, following withdrawal of the existing standard in 2014.

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