

**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION AND EXECUTIVE  
AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**A PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE TRANSPORT PROJECT GROUP**

**Summary**

1 This paper provides a progress report on the work of the Transport Project Group.

**Background**

2 A comprehensive report of the Transport Project Group's current aims, objectives, identified deliverables and activities was presented to the AIAC at the last meeting in May 2007 (AIAC Paper 070502 rev1). There have been no further meetings or other significant activity in the intervening period but AIAC Members will wish to know that the proposed Transport Workshop (the 4<sup>th</sup> to be convened by the Group) has been arranged for 15 November 2007, at the Warwick Conference Suite at the National Agriculture Centre, Stoneleigh Park.

3 This Workshop is being sponsored by the Department for Transport (DfT) and will focus on the "Safe On-Road/Safe Off-Road" theme. Presentations include reports on the long-running DfT-sponsored study on 'Tractor Accidents on Rural Roads' and a review by the Road Transport Laboratory. There will be a discussion on the industry and regulatory bodies response to the joint HSE/DfT sponsored study by BAGMA into "Condition of Farm Vehicles" and a report on the follow-up research being carried out by Scarlett Research Ltd on tractor/trailer braking systems, sponsored jointly by HSE, DfT and the Agricultural Engineers Association, with input from manufacturers of tractors, trailers and trailed equipment.

4 Progress on other research and members' activities related to agricultural transport will also be reviewed, including HSE's Whole Body Vibration research and a report on a study of Level Crossing Safety, carried out by HM Railway Inspectorate/Office of the Rail Regulator.

5 Discussions are also ongoing with the Institution of Agricultural Engineers, with a view to them running a Conference in March 2008 on this subject. This will provide an opportunity to share the information gathered from all the various research projects and activities of the AIAC Transport Group members with a much wider audience, including manufacturers and other interested organisations, as well as other Regulatory bodies.

**Action/ Recommendation**

6 AIAC members are asked to note the date and content of the Workshop programme in the 'near-final' programme attached and also the Conference proposed in Spring 2008.

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**AGRICULTURAL TRANSPORT 'ON-ROAD / OFF-ROAD' WORKSHOP**

**A JOINT DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT &  
HSC/E AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TRANSPORT PROJECT GROUP WORKSHOP**

To be held on 15 November 2007 at the Warwick Conference Centre, Stoneleigh Park CV8 2LG. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> 'AIAC Transport Workshop' and is being run jointly with and sponsored by DfT.

Tea/coffee available from 10.00hrs.

The main aim of this workshop is to update delegates and interested organisations on recent developments in research and legislation, to share information on current activities and identify topics and opportunities for further cooperative work, eg guidance, publicity and research.

**AGENDA**

- (10.30) **1. Welcome and Introductions** [Chair - Alan Plom, Head of Safety Section, HSE Agriculture & Food Sector]
- To identify organisations represented, delegates backgrounds and interests
  - To outline current and developing issues and explain structure of the sessions.
- (10.45) **2. Report on DfT Research Projects**
- **Research Priorities Review** – [Iain Knight (Transport Research Laboratory)]
  - **Tractor Accidents on Rural Roads** - Presentation of findings, latest statistics and discussion. [Richard Gard (R Gard Associates Ltd)/TRL]
  - **BAGMA's DfT/HSE 'Vehicle Condition' Research – What next?**  
[K Christian (BAGMA)/Roger Lane-Nott???(AEA)]
  - **Tractor/Trailer Braking Systems** – [Andy Scarlett (Scarlett Research Ltd)]
- (12.15) **3. The Current Picture 'Off Road'**
- Review of HSE Transport Programme/Projects, latest statistics and other available information [Tony Mitchell, HSE Agriculture & Food Sector]
- (12.30) **4. Safety at Railway Crossings**
- Review of research and accidents involving farm vehicles

[David Whitmarsh (Railways Inspectorate/Office of the Rail Regulator)]

(12.45) **LUNCH**

(13.30) **5. Review of Morning Session**

- To resolve any specific issues arising, identify areas for future attention, etc [Panel of speakers]

(14.00) **6. Update on Research, Standards and Directives**

- Latest developments, including Whole Body Vibration research, Tractor Standards, Braking Directive [Andy Scarlett]

(14.30) **7. Review of Members' Activities**

- All delegates invited to report progress on relevant initiatives, guidance and communications. Topics raised at previous AIAC workshops include:
  - Publicity and Guidance **[NFU speaker TBA]**
  - Economic Impact - Sharing accident information, case studies, etc  
[Alan Plom]
  - HSE/Insurance industry initiative [Roger Nourish (Head of Agriculture & Food Sector, HSE)]

(15.30) **8. Review/Feedback**

- To confirm actions and ensure matters arising from this and previous Workshops have been dealt with
- Review 'deliverables', timescales and evaluation methods
- Proposed I Agr E 'Transport' Conference (Spring 2008)
- To confirm commitments and identify any issues to report to AIAC and DfT

(15.45) **9. Future of the HSC/E AIAC Project Group**

- Date of next meeting

(16.00) **Close**