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CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONIAC)

Consultation on the Draft Work at Height Regulations

Issue

1 To update members on the consultation on the draft work at height regulations.

Background

2 From previous papers and discussions, members are aware of the draft work at height regulations which implement the Temporary Work at Height Directive (2001/45/EC).

3 HSE has consulted the construction industry in a number of ways during the development of these regulations. CONIAC members have provided their views to Policy at various CONIAC meetings; several members from the construction industry sat on the Policy Steering Group and trade organisations have individually made representations.

4 A draft consultation document was considered by the HSC on 5 August at which HSE was asked to revise the introduction to the CD to make clear the motivation behind the new regulations and to revise the guidance with a view to making it more user friendly and simpler to follow. The draft Regulations were not altered. A revised consultation document will be put before the Commission on the 11 November 2003. Subject to the HSC's approval this should be published in late November or early December. It will be subject to a 4 month consultation period ending in late March or early April.

5 HSE now has upwards of 700 individuals and organisations on its consultation list plus an additional 1,200 from the HSE's formal consultation list. Copies of the consultation document will be available from the HSE website, HSE Books or by email from work.at.height.consultation@hse.gsi.gov.uk.

6 The Secretary will give a verbal update to members on the outcome of the HSC Commission's discussion and the position with consultation document.

Action

7 CONIAC members are invited to:

- Note the opportunity to be informed on the outcome of the HSC's consideration of the draft consultation document on the work at height Regulations.

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