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**HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONIAC).**

EUROWEEK 2004

Summary

**To inform CONIAC of the format and activities for European Week 2004 and
invite their support and participation.**

Issue

1. European Week will take place during week 43 (18th to 22nd October). This paper seeks to inform CONIAC of European Week activities and to seek their support in promoting and participating in the event.

Timing

2. For meeting M2/2004.

Background

3. The European Week for Safety and Health at Work 2004 focuses on construction. It has been designed by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work to help stakeholders in the construction industry realise the potential for improvements in health and safety. The campaign will incorporate a range of activities to raise awareness of both the key problems and the solutions.
4. The work resulting from HSE's commitment to the European Agency and the way we have previously contributed to European Week have been reviewed in

accordance with HSC/E priorities and its Communications Strategy. HSE is promoting European Week, but on a reduced scale compared to previous years. For example, this year HSE is not promoting European Week by means of national and regional awards for those participating in it.

5. As the construction industry in GB already has its own construction health and safety campaign – Working Well Together – it is proposed that GB’s contribution to the initiative will include those activities already proposed for WWT during the week. These will include Safety and Health Awareness Days, the WWT Roadshow (to large sites) and the WWT White Van Roadshow (to smaller sites).
6. Other activities/parts of the campaign will include: The European Good Practice Awards 2004 – in recognition of companies/organisations that have made innovative and outstanding contribution to the prevention of risks; Promotion of European Week health and safety activities via two websites - <http://osha.eu.int/ew2004> (the European Agency’s main webpages on European Week) and <http://uk.osha.eu.int> (the UK Focal Point website, administered by HSE International Branch). At the Agency’s website participants in this year’s European Week can sign up to the campaign charter. Recognition will be by means of a certificate of participation, which will be issued by the European Agency. A list of planned activities is at Annex A.

Matters for decision.

7. Members are invited to consider what they, their organisations and their sectors of industry can do:
 - To promote European Week;
 - Support the WWT Campaign’s activities, i.e. SHADs and roadshows
 - Members are invited to bring to the HSE’s notice, any further European Week activities not included in Annex A, by contacting Eleanor Keech..

ANNEX A

Summary of European Week activities (last updated in June 2004)

Working Well Together activities:

- Safety and Health Awareness Days (SHADs)
- WWT Roadshows (larger sites)
- WWT White Van Roadshow (smaller sites)
- Publication of High 5 leaflet in several migrant/ethnic minority languages

European Agency's activities:

- Fifth European Good Practice Awards
- Certificate of participation by signing up to the Campaign Charter
- Issuing of campaign materials, including a poster, leaflet, and 4 factsheets

Other organisations' activities:

- IOSH: One-day conference in Birmingham to address environmental issues and safe construction
- IOSH: National poster competition for children aged between 5 and 15.