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## HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION

### CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONIAC)

#### Actions following meeting M2/2002

#### Summary

#### Actions taken subsequent to meeting M2/2002

#### Issue

1 This paper informs members of actions taken by CONIAC Secretariat as a consequence of decisions reached at meeting M3/2002. Reference is made to the paragraph numbers in the minutes of that meeting.

#### Action points

#### 2 Temporary Work at Height Directive Paper. Item 3

Members were invited to write to Gwyneth Deakins if they wished to raise specific concerns with the new regulations.

**Action: Members**

#### 3 Harmonisation of Employees Consultation and Representation. Item 5

Andy Sneddon said that the Construction Confederation would be holding workshops and would like HSE input. They were concerned that there would not be sufficient time to reply to HSE on the proposed structure and content of the consultative proposals by 15 November.

**Action: Andy Sneddon**

Members were invited to send written comments to Neal Stone by the 20 November.

**Action: Members**

#### 4 Revitalising Health & Safety in Construction second - 2<sup>nd</sup> Report to Ministers. Item 7

Phil Kemball introduced the draft report to members. After meeting M2/2002, a letter had been sent out requesting updates on Action Plans and Phil Kemball thanked those who responded. This second report was opportune as it coincided with a new Department, a new Minister and the release of new accident and ill-health statistics (2001-2002). Phil Kemball invited members' comments on the wider context of H&S performance in the construction industry not just on Action Plans. Members were invited to write to Phil Kemball by Friday 15 November.

**Action: Members**

The Chair and members agreed to have a substantial discussion on design at the next CONIAC meeting.

**Action: Secretariat**

**5 Construction Discussion Document (Con DD) – Emerging issues. Item 8**

Members urged to respond and to encourage others to respond to the document by 31 December 2002.

**Action: Members**

**6 Any Other Business and closing. Item 11**

Members enquired about the postponed launch of the Asbestos Regulations. The Secretary agreed to inform members of the new launch date. Members were informed by email on 11/11/02 and repeated below that:

The new asbestos regulations will come into force on 21 November 2002 except for the duty to manage (Reg 4) and accreditation of analysis (Reg 20). The new editions of the ACoPs (L27 and L28) will be ready for publication by 6 December. In relation to the duty to manage, HSG227, the comprehensive guide to managing asbestos and INDG223, the short guide to managing asbestos, are due for publication on 26 November. L127, the ACoP associated with the duty to manage, comes out about the same time.

**7 Minutes of last meeting - M1/2002. Item 8**

- The TD specialist dealing with driver rear visibility research has written to Tony Wheel. Members will wish to know that this issue will shortly be the subject of an internal HSE meeting so as to consider how various Divisions and Directorates take such matters forward. (para 8.1).
- Draft minutes were sent to members for their comments. Some have been received and these have been incorporated where appropriate.

**8 Action**

- Members are invited to note the actions taken.

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