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HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CONIAC)

Consultation on the Revision of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 and the Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996

Issue

1. To discuss the way forward following the Health and Safety Commission's decision at its meeting on 8 March to issue a consultative document on the revision of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 and the Construction (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1996.

Background

2. At its meeting on 18 November 2004 CONIAC members discussed paper M3/2004/3 and agreed, subject to the Working Group finalising the package, that the package be commended to the HSC.
3. At its meeting on 8 March HSC:
 - agreed to publication of the CD;
 - emphasised the need for associated culture change to achieve the desired change in industry performance.
4. Some Commissioners commented that draft regulations were much clearer.
5. We plan to publish the CD on 4 April, but this may change if an election is called before then. The closing date for comments on the CD is 29 July.

Consultation

6. HSE is working with Constructing Excellence to develop a programme of events around Great Britain to explain the proposed changes and encourage input. These events and any others, when requested, will be publicised through the calendar at <http://consultations.hse.gov.uk/consult.ti/conregs>.

7. If members or constituents would like to sponsor/offer a venue or otherwise contribute to these events they can contact Riad Mannan (riad.mannan@constructingexcellence.org.uk).
8. It would be helpful if members publicised the consultations website (paragraph 6) as a means for those interested in the proposed changes to:
 - keep up to date with developments;
 - obtain a copy of the CD;
 - contribute to the discussion during the consultation period; and
 - formally respond to the CD.

Working Group membership

9. We need CONIAC's views on the membership of the Working Group when it reconvenes, probably in September, to consider any changes to the proposals following consultation. Factors to consider include breadth of representation, continuity of membership and workgroup size.

10. The current membership includes:

Andrew Large
Andy Sneddon
Bob Blackman

Gillian Birkby
Glenn Christiansen
Richard Ash

Tim Gough
Rudi Klein
Paul Lewis

11. It is now much easier for members and others, who are not on the Working Group, to get involved and contribute. The discussion forum at http://webcommunities.hse.gov.uk/ui/inovem.ti/group/coniac_conregs allows them access to the latest drafts and to share ideas with other members.

Action

- 12 CONIAC members are invited to:

- encourage their constituents to contribute to the consultation exercise through <http://consultations.hse.gov.uk/consult.ti/conregs> and the planned consultation events;
- inform HSE of any other relevant, open events so that they can be publicised on the calendar
- consider whether there should be changes to the working group membership

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