

PABIAC Nov 2007 – Papermaking Sector/ CPI Update

1) Injury statistics

The most recent accidents statistics are as follows:-

Latest figures from the papermaking sector show an overall improvement in the total number of accidents being reported. The overall injury rate now stands at **9.82** (x 1000 employees).

The major injury rate remains at **0.68** (x 1000 employees).

2) Senior Management Symposium

CPI held its Senior Management Symposium on 10th October, at the Institute of Directors in Pall Mall, London.

The day long event was held exclusively for Senior Management from across CPI's membership and covered a number of issue related topics.

Organised as a replacement for the "old" Chief Executives Health and Safety Day, it was appropriate that the first 2 presentations related to health and safety issues.

Graham King, HSE gave a progress report on the PABIAC strategy 'Making a Difference' and the latest injury statistics, before issuing a challenge to aim for an improvement in accident performance that would put them better than the manufacturing average and set them well on the way to achieving world class standard when compared with any manufacturing industry worldwide.

Dr Sayeed Khan, HSC gave a thought provoking presentation on Occupational Health and the benefits of having an active rehabilitation programme.

Both presentations were very well received

3) Health and Safety Committee meetings

Paper & Tissue H&S Committee

The group met in July. The main agenda items for discussion and action were the sector action plan 2008 – 2009 along with the PABIAC strategic targets proposal for 2008 – 2011.

Topics for possible inclusion in the action plan included

- Holding a regional event with a common theme
- Occupational Health
- Transport
- Safety management and pro-active measures
- Felt changing
- Machinery accidents (ref biennial conference)
- Supporting the targets in the PABIAC objectives 08-11

These will all now be considered further in terms of SMART deliverable outcomes

4) CPI web updates

The following health and safety guidance documents have recently been added to the CPI website

The Safe Purchase and Installation of Machinery, Plant & Equipment

In recent years a significant number of new or recently purchased pieces of equipment have been found not to be guarded to the required UK standards or being operated by unsafe methods. The

consequences of such purchases have included expensive retrofitting or rectification, delays in commissioning and at worst accidents. This guidance document, produced by members of the Corrugated Health and Safety Committee is applicable to all sectors, and is designed to assist companies in planning and implementing the purchase of new machinery, plant and equipment. To support the general principles contained within the document there are a number of checklists designed to assist in the process.

<http://www.paper.org.uk/hands/machinery/machinery.htm>

Waste Industry Safety Health (WISH) forum guidance material

Recently added documents from the WISH forum include:

- Managing 'task and finish' to reduce safety risks
- Handling needles in the waste and recycling industry
- Health and safety training: Guidelines for the waste management and recycling industry#
- Hand Sorting of recyclables ('totting') with vehicle assistance

http://www.paper.org.uk/hands/wish/wish_Forum.htm

Safety Alerts

Failure of 5T Crane Unit (0707)

On 20 July 2007 as part of standard maintenance procedures, a 3.9 Tonne three phase 3,300V AC electric motor was being removed from the Comer pulper. The task was being undertaken using a 5T Street Crane. As the operator used the raise control for the crane, the load dropped to the floor uncontrollably. The motor was written off due to the force of the impact. Fortunately no-one was injured. Upon investigation it was found that the fixing of the ring gear mounted within the wire rope drum had failed and the ring gear was able rotate freely within the rope drum. The crane manufacturers were contacted and they advised that Loctite 638 is used as the primary fixing mechanism between the push fit of the rope drum and the drive ring gear.

5) HSE Information/Campaigns

CPI have informed Members of the following HSE Information/Campaigns

Workplace Transport

A media campaign will start in October and November and will focus on preventing people falling from vehicle. The campaign aims to raise awareness of the risk of falling that workers are exposed to when accessing and/or working at height on vehicles, and the actions that should be taken to minimise these risks.

Workplace Transport Route map including new management standards to be promoted nationally in December 2007

Moving Goods Safely

Inspection interventions November and December 2007 and March 2008 (but the paper industry is not specifically targeted)

European Week for Safety and Health 22nd – 26th October - This year's campaign slogan is 'Lighten the Load', and is dedicated to musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs).

Further information including how to get involved in Euoweek and campaign action pack downloads will be made available soon via the Health and Safety Executive website.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/campaigns/euoweek/pdfs/campaigninfo.pdf>

Backs

No specific media campaign but there will be events in regions promoting messages on this topic in 2007/08.

Slips, Trips and Falls

Media campaign in Jan to March 2008 focusing primarily on the construction, building maintenance and refurbishment, catering, hospitality, food and retail sectors followed up by enforcement work later in 2008/09

e -learning package to be launched expected January 2008

Sickness Absence

HSE website will be launched in October with a tool kit added November 2007

Asbestos

Media campaign aimed at maintenance workers in Jan/Feb 2008

CPI news articles

- 1) "HSE warns firms about the dangers of workplace transport following £115,000 in fines for Northamptonshire companies"
- 2) HSE Falls from vehicles campaign – Autumn 2007
- 3) Three companies are prosecuted for falling paper bale injury
- 4) HSE Statistics on fatal Injuries 2006/2007
- 5) Managing Competence for Safety-related Systems
- 6) Port of Tilbury – Six-year-old boy fatality court case
- 7) Safety warning: HACA fixed rail vertical fall arrest system BS EN 353-1:2002 Fall Arrest Equipment Warning
- 8) Man fined for endangering fellow employee