

**PAPER AND BOARD INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
13 November 2007**

Progress Summary from HSE (G King)

1. Staffing of Team

1.1 Terry Aston is absent sick. G King on temporary promotion in Terry's absence. Replacement for P Green currently being recruited internally.

2. Research – Evaluation of industry targeted initiatives

2.1. Research by Greenstreet Berman for HSE evaluating targeted industry initiatives, including past PABIAC initiative, complete. Report will be published on HSE website soon. Indicates that in the case of 5 of the 11 schemes evaluated (the 5 include past PABIAC initiative) there is evidence to indicate that companies who signed up to the schemes performed better in terms of H&S outcomes than non scheme companies when measured using a range of indicators including accident performance and safety management indicators. However, there was insufficient evidence to show a significant difference in safety culture between scheme and non-scheme companies. Recommendations include developing better pre-initiative baseline measures, exploring how to increase worker involvement in the schemes, improving safety culture, providing more specific assistance to achieving targets, increasing communication of progress of schemes within their sectors, improving sharing of best practice, improving the set up, baselines and planning of initiatives.

3. Balers and compactors

3.1. Final meeting of project team held on 18th October 2007. Final amendments to text of the guide, following industry consultation, agreed. To be put on HSE website. To be launched by way of regional/industry sector seminars in Spring 2008.

3.2. French and German regulatory authorities showing close interest, broadly in support of standards outlined in the draft UK guide. Preliminary meeting fixed for 14 and 15 November between UK, French and German representatives, to explore the possible way forward in Europe.

4. Research into Methods of Securing Heavy loads on Curtain-sided Lorries

4.1. Work on computer modelling, physical testing, comparative risk evaluation and cost benefit analysis currently in progress. Research expected to be completed by end of December 2007.

4.2 The research has highlighted concerns in relation to methods of restraining loads on rigid-sided and flatbed lorries too, including issues relating to competence in relation to load restraint and less than adequate arrangements for routine inspection of load restraint devices. These and other issues are being taken up by HSE's Transportation Sector with the haulage and logistics industries via the Road Distribution Action Group (RDAG). Additional research into methods of load restraint on rigid-sided lorries is under consideration.

5. Support for CPI Corrugated Sector initiative for reducing the number of machinery accidents

5.1. G King to provide support for CPI workshops to train managers/practitioners in task analysis and error analysis techniques to equip them to take account of potential for human error and rule violation during risk assessment of machinery intervention tasks. The offer is not neutral. Recipients will be expected to try out the techniques, report back on their experiences in using them and, if they find the techniques helpful, to make use of them in practice in completing/reviewing risk assessments for safety-critical machinery intervention tasks.

6. Safe Interventions Initiative 2007/08

6.1 Summary of returns at the half-year point attached.

7. CHASPI and HSPI performance benchmarking

7.1 No significant changes since last meeting. Of the 75 large organisations that have completed and signed off the CHASPI index, none are from the paper sectors. Of the 395 companies registered on CHASPI but still to complete and sign off the index, 4 are from the paper sectors. Sixty-one SMEs in the paper sector have completed the HSPI Indicator. However, their average score on the hazard management index remains at 6.5 out of 10.

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