

PABIAC meeting 26 February 2008. HSE summary report for agenda item 5.

Team staffing

Ian Ellison, an experienced Inspector based at HSE's Nottingham Office, will join the team on 1st April 2008. He replaces Phil Green.

Terry Aston, who has been on sick leave, is expected to be back at work soon.

Safe Interventions Enforcement Initiative

I have not yet completed an analysis of the returns from this Inspection initiative for the paper industries as agreed at the last PABIAC meeting. My team has been short of staff over recent months and this matter is not high priority. I have decided to complete the analysis for the whole of the work year (01/04/2007 to 31/03/2008) instead. This seems more sensible than providing a figure for two thirds the way through the year anyway. I shall forward the results to PABIAC members by the end of April.

Task analysis and error analysis training for corrugated sector

I shall be providing workshops to train delegates in task analysis and predictive error analysis techniques in March 2008. CPI Corrugated Sector H&S committee, who are organising the workshops believe that application of these techniques for machinery intervention tasks will lead to better quality risk assessments that take proper account of the potential for human error and rule violation. Once trained, delegates will be expected to cascade the training back into their own plants and initiate application of these techniques, using a work team approach, to safety critical machinery intervention tasks.

Greenstreet Berman Research into Industry Targeted initiatives

The chair will give a presentation at item 6 of the agenda.

Research by the Health and Safety Laboratory into methods of securing loads on curtain-sided lorries.

Nina Day will give a presentation at item 8 of the agenda.

Waste balers and compactors.

Temporary staff shortages in the team have resulted in delays. Although the working group has agreed on the standards, work on style editing and illustrating the document remains to be completed. I anticipate that the document will be launched by way of regional workshops in early summer.

HSE has initiated a series of meetings involving representatives from the German BG, KAN, the French INRS, French Ministry of Labour and HSE. Agreement has been reached that a series of EN Standards are needed for balers and compactors. The aim is to initiate these new work items with CEN starting with an EN standard for mechanically fed horizontal balers. The German, French and UK regulators are in broad agreement on the standards and these are in line with the standards developed by the UK working group drafting the UK guidance. The aim is to start the work at CEN with an outline working draft that has already agreed between these three authorities. This will hopefully reduce the length of time needed to produce the standard.

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