

THE PRINTING INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY NINTH MEETING OF THE PRINTING INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 12TH MARCH 2003

Present

Mr M Wilcock
Mr I Hobson
Mr R A Hudspith
Mr I Wilcock
Mr P Larkin
Mr M Griffiths
Mr T Usher
Ms S Whittaker
Mrs T Stonley

Representing

HSE Chairman
HSE Secretary
GPMU
Heidelberg Graphic Equipment
Newspaper Society
GPMU
GPMU
Newspaper Publishers Association
HSE Minute Secretary

Apologies

Mr GMcintyre
Mr D Barker
Mr B Purkis
Mr W Stothard
Dr A R Erlam

Observers

Mr D Wallis
Mr P Chambers
Mr R Hill
Mr P Adams

Summary of Action Agreed

1. (Min 1.2) Chairman to write to Mr Purkis thanking him for his work on behalf of PIAC

ACTION Chairman

2. (Min 4.1) Chairman to keep members informed with progress of the Review of Sectors

ACTION Chairman

3. (Min 5.2) Working Group to be set up to draft the new Plan of Work

ACTION Chairman, Secretary ,Mr Hudspith, Mr Griffiths, Mr Wallis, Mr Adams, Mr I Wilcock.

4. (Min 6.2) BPIF to forward details of glove research already carried out to Sector Group

ACTION Mr Wallis

5. (Min 9.1) Update the committee on status of prEN 1010

ACTION Mr Ian Wilcock

1. INTRODUCTION AND APOLOGIES

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He extended a particular welcome to Mr Hill from Heidelberg who was attending as an observer and to Mr Barker and Ms Miller who were attending their first meeting as full members of the committee.

1.2 The Chairman informed the committee that Mr Brian Purkis had tendered his resignation from the committee. The committee noted the valuable contribution he had made to the work of PIAC over many years. The Chairman undertook to write to Mr Purkis thanking him for his contribution.

1.3 Apologies were noted.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 (Min 3.1) Development of costed solutions for the safeguarding of Auto platens and preparation of a draft protocol for discussion at PIAC. A possible guarding solution was circulated with the papers for the meeting. Following a short discussion it was agreed that this design would be forwarded to The Health and Safety Laboratory, who are also working on a solution, for their comment. Item carried forward.

3.2 (Min 3.2) The new training CD for inspectors to be demonstrated at the next meeting. This will be shown at Agenda item 7. Item discharged.

4. REVIEW OF SECTORS

4.1 The Chairman updated members on progress with this review and agreed to keep members informed of future progress.

4.2 The Chairman said that all Sector functions were under review and as a result there will be significant changes both in internal management and ways of working within Sectors. He went on to say that the three priority sectors Agriculture, Construction and Public Services would remain largely unchanged. The other sectors will start to undergo significant change from 1st May 2003. The Chairman said that from 1st May 2003 the Fibre and Polymers Sector would cease to exist and would become part of a much larger Manufacturing Sector. This sector will incorporate Engineering, Metals and Minerals, Ceramics and anything else that

involves manufacturing. He went on to say that Food would become part of the Agriculture Sector to reflect the DEFRA Field to Fork Policy. A new Private Services Sector will also be created and would begin to take on LA enforced areas in order to achieve consistency of standards.

4.3 There will also be new ways of working introduced within the new sectors and the Chairman asked members for their understanding over the next few months while the changes were implemented.

5. FUTURE WORK / ACTION PLAN

5.1 The Chairman outlined the next steps in the review of IAC's. In particular he noted that Advisory Committees would have to justify their continued existence against the Hamid / Tudor criteria and demonstrate that they were delivering Health and Safety improvements within their industry.

5.2 The Chairman went on to say that the Plan of Work must be framed in such a way as to have measurable targets and may need to be a radical departure from previous plans. He opened the discussion on the Plan of work by suggesting the committee might concentrate more of its' energy's on intermediaries in the Printing Industry than previously. The GPMU members on the committee strongly believed that PIAC was in a good position to justify its' existence and made suggestions about how a new plan might be framed. There was a general discussion on targets and the mechanisms for achieving these targets. The committee agreed with the GPMU view about the continuing need for and action by PIAC. It was agreed that a small working party would be set up to draft the new Plan of Work. It was suggested that the plan should reflect the resources that were available to deliver it.

6. DERMATITIS UPDATE

6.1 The committee were told that the final report had now been completed and a copy will be sent out with the minutes of the meeting.

6.2 Members said that glove selection within the industry was still a problem. The Secretary said that he had a meeting scheduled with John McAlinden to discuss this issue and its' implications across the sector. A BPIF representative said that he knew of some research on this issue that had been carried out by a glove manufacturer and said he would forward the details to the Sector Group. Further update to follow at next meeting.

7. TRAINING CD

7.1 The committee were shown the CD that had been developed as a training tool for HSE Inspectors.

8. AUDIT TOOL

8.1 The committee were shown the health check tool that has been developed by the BPIF in collaboration with an Insurance Company. The way the Health Check works is that the company completes a Health and Safety questionnaire and if they achieve 80% or more they are given a discount on their insurance premium. When the questionnaire has been completed the company get a report which outlines their performance in 22 different areas and suggests were to go to get further information and help. If a company fails to achieve a score of 80% then they are given the option of working with the BPIF and insurer to draw up an Action Plan to achieve the required 80%.

9. UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH prEN 1010

9.1 There is a meeting with the BSI in April. It was hoped that the status of prEN 1010 would be clarified at that meeting. Mr Ian Wilcock undertook to report back to the committee at the next meeting.

10. DEFRA REPORT ON BIO – SOLVENTS IN THE PRINTING INDUSTRY

10.1 The Secretary referred to a report on the government industry forum on the non food use of crops. The committee reported back to DEFRA – Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs and is awaiting a government response. PIAC may have an interest in that the committee writing the report were looking at the use of vegetable based cleaning agents in printing to replace the use of VOC's in printing. PIAC has already developed the 'Solvent Substitution Scheme' in printing.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Copies of the following new HSE leaflets were distributed:

- Noise at Work – Advice for employers INDG362
- A short guide to Managing Asbestos in premises INDG223(rev3)

11.2 Members attention was drawn to the new to the 2002 Dangerous Substances and Explosives Atmospheres Regulations which are now in force.

11.3 A query was raised over advice given in the Printers Guide which does not make it clear that the advice of a medical practitioner should be sought when developing a Health Surveillance Policy. The Chairman read the committee the following paragraph which sets out exactly what is required.

- Decisions on the appropriate form of the surveillance will require the advice of an occupational health professional, usually a physician. Industry specific guidance produced by trade associations, often after consultation with HSE, may be available and provide specific examples of good practice.

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

17th July 2003 – BPIF Birmingham

21st October 2003 – Leeds Town Hall

10th March 2004 – GPMU Quorn