

**THE HEALTH & SAFETY COMMISSION'S (HSC) RAILWAY INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RIAC)
PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR 2002/03 AND BEYOND**

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| HSC Strategy Specific Aim 1: | | | | |
| Revitalise health and safety performance on the railways through targeted regulatory action | | | | |
| 1. Undertake initiatives to address railway crime (including trespass, vandalism and violence to staff) | <p>June – A session on railway crime was included at the RIAC public meeting in York.</p> <p>Nov – RIAC endorsed the work of the rail industry's National Route Crime Group.</p> | | | Maintain a watching brief on National Route Crime Group work, linking as appropriate. |
| 2. Promote a safety culture in the railway industry (including promoting health and safety best practice) | <p>Nov – RIAC reviewed and supported the HSC's strategy (2002-05) for improving health and safety on the railways.</p> | (see item 14 below) | | Delivery of HSC's strategy (2002- 05) for improving health and safety on the railways. |
| 3. Promote occupational health in the railway industry | <p>June – Initial discussion of the way forward in promoting Occupational Health in Railways Industry.</p> <p>Nov – RIAC agreed to reconstitute its Occupational Health Sub Group to draft a strategy to promote occupational health in the railway industry.</p> | <p>March – Progress report on work on RIAC strategy for promoting occupational health.</p> <p>May – Independent Chair appointed to RIAC OHWG</p> <p>Oct – Progress report</p> | <p>2004 – Agree and publish RIAC occupational health strategy</p> | RIAC occupational health strategy (including an action plan linked to HSC's Securing Health Together Programme). |
| 4. Identify key priorities for future railway safety research (2005 and beyond) | | <p>Sept – Special RIAC meeting to consider Committee's role in railway research</p> <p>Oct – Paper on RIAC's role in railway research</p> | | Key priorities for railway related research for 2005 and beyond |

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| 5. Managing contractors in safety critical work (including railways maintenance and renewal) | | March – Paper on contractorisation and proposed research project. | | |
| <i>HSC Strategy Specific Aim 2: Provide an effective and transparent regulatory framework</i> | | | | |
| 6. Review the Railway (Safety Case) Regulations (RSCR) | Nov – RIAC discussed the timetable and progress on the evaluation and review of regulations on railway safety case. | April - Report on emerging findings from the evaluation and review. Oct – Paper on shaping the future of railway health and safety legislation Oct - Discussion Document published. | Draft CD on shaping the future of railway health and safety legislation Final proposals (Oct 04) | Revised Railways (Safety Case) Regulations |
| 7. Review of the approvals regime | Nov – RIAC discussed the proposed project plan and timetable for the review of the Railways and Other Transport Systems (Work, Plant & Equipment) Regulations (ROTS) | Oct – Paper on shaping the future of railway health and safety legislation Oct - Discussion Document published. | Draft CD on shaping the future of railway health and safety legislation Final proposals (Oct 04) | Revised arrangements in place for ensuring safety of railway works, plant and equipment |
| 8. Ensuring high standards in the supply chain for goods and services on the railways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (a) review of ROTs (see 7 above); - (b) accreditation - (c) interoperability | Nov – RIAC progress report paper. | March – (b) RIAC considered options for the accreditation of the supply chain. April – (b) Advice on options to HSC. Oct – Paper on shaping the future of railway health and | Draft CD on shaping the future of railway health and safety legislation Final proposals (Oct 04) | Decision by HSC on how to implement Lord Cullen's recommendation on accreditation of the supply chain |

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| 9. Improving competence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (a) review of Railway (Safety Critical Work) Regulations (R(SCW)R) - (b) licensing - (c) framework for skills | Nov – RIAC progress report paper. | <p>safety legislation</p> <p>Oct - Discussion Document published.</p> <p>March – (a) RIAC considered options arising from review of R(SCW)R. (b) Consideration of options for the accreditation of the supply chain.</p> <p>April – (a) & (b) Advice on options to HSC.</p> <p>Oct – Paper on shaping the future of railway health and safety legislation</p> <p>Oct - Discussion Document published.</p> | <p>Draft CD on shaping the future of railway health and safety legislation</p> <p>Final proposals (Oct 04)</p> | <p>(a) & (b) Decision by HSC on how to take forward the outcome of the review of R(SCW)R.</p> <p>(c) Synergy between Lord Cullen's recommendations on competence and the Framework for Skills.</p> |

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| 10. Advise on the European Rail Traffic Management System (ERTMS) | Nov – RIAC discussed the outcome of the HSE review of the rail industry's ERTMS programme team report and the emerging findings from the public dialogue on train protection. | 9 Jan – Special RIAC meeting on ERTMS. | | Advice given to the HSC on ERTMS on 14 January 2003 |
| 11. Passenger safety & crowding | | 15 Jan – Transport Select Committee inquiry into overcrowding on public transport Oct – Theme for RIAC public meeting | | |
| 12. RIAC public meetings | June – Meeting held in York | Oct – Public meeting in Birmingham. | June 04 – Public meeting June 05 – Public meeting | One public meeting per year |
| 13. Reconstitution of RIAC and its Sub Groups | Nov – RIAC agreed its Programme of Work for 2002/03 & beyond and to review its subgroups | March – RIAC agreed proposals arising from review of working groups. New reporting arrangements between RIAC and sub groups. | March 04 – Review of working group arrangements | Improved working arrangements |
| HSC Strategy Specific Aim 3: Ensure the delivery of the improvements recommended in public inquiry reports | | | | |
| 14. Guidance on priorities in changes proposed in public inquiries | Nov – Review of HSC's strategy | Aug – Updated themed progress report circulated to members. | | Annual progress reports |
| 15. Creation of the Rail Safety and Standards Board (RSSB) | June – RIAC advice to HSC on new body and its relationship with HSC | April - RSSB established | | |
| 16. Creation of the Railway Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) | July – DfT consultation paper on establishing RAIB circulated to RIAC members | Summer - RAIB established | | |

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| <i>HSC Strategy Specific Aim 4: Influence and contribute to the wider strategies of other rail stakeholders to maximise our collective contributions to rail health and safety</i> | | | | |
| 17. Rail Regulator's interim review of Track Access Charges | Nov – ORR gave a presentation on the review | Sept – Regulator publishes draft interim review conclusions. Oct – Report to RIAC on draft conclusions. Dec – Final conclusions | 2004 – Implementation of conclusions | |
| 18. Review of stakeholders perceptions of HSE | Nov – The research contractors (Business Strategy Group) gave a presentation on the review | Jan – Interviews with stakeholders 1 May – Report emerging findings to key rail stakeholders Oct – Paper on findings of rail stakeholder survey and HSE's response. | | New approaches to working with rail stakeholders |
| <i>HSC Strategy Apectic Aim 5: Shape the rail safety agenda in Europe so that it aligns as far as possible with UK structures and approaches</i> | | | | |
| 19. Advice to HSC on European legislation and strategic developments | June – RIAC considered a draft response to DfT on 2 nd EC Railways package | | | |
| 20. Mapping EU Member States systems and approaches to railway safety | | | March – Mapping paper | |

*Items in red are RIAC led

Glossary or terms

RIAC – Railway Industry Advisory Committee

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HSC – Health and Safety Commission

DfT – Department for Transport

DfES – Department for Education and Skills

SRA – Strategic Rail Authority

RSSB – Rail Safety & Standards Board

RAIB – Rail Accident Investigation Branch

CD – Consultation Document

EU – European Union

EC – European Commission