

Rubber Industry Advisory Committee (RUBIAC)

**Actions/Minutes of the 73rd meeting of RUBIAC of December 5th 2007 at
HSE's Nottingham Office.**

<u>Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Mr J Barrett	HSE - Chair
Ms S Rank	HSE - Secretary
Dr A Dost	CBI/BTMA & BRPPA
Mr C Kean	HSL
Mr D Tovey	CBI - Michelin
Mr G King	HSE
Mr I Hilton	TUC/TGWU
Mr J Reed	TUC/Unite – Amicus section
Mr M Jenkins	TUC/TGWU
Mr R Taylor	TUC/TGWU
Mr R A Hudspith	TUC/Unite – Amicus section
Mr S Hinks	CBI/Pirelli
Mr Tony Perkins	CBI/Goodyear Dunlop
Ms A Rayner	HSE – Minutes Secretary
<u>Apologies</u> Terry Aston Martin Smith Peter Taylor Margaret Armstrong Heather Collins Ken Campbell Richard Edy	<u>Observers</u>

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1	Introduction			
1.1	Mr Barrett opened the meeting and introduced Mr Keen from HSL who was attending the meeting to update the members on the MbOBA and Rubber Dust/Fume Monitoring projects. He also welcomed Mr Perkins who was deputising for Mr Smith. Mr Smith is now a full member of the committee following the retirement of Mr Cash. Ms Collins resigned from the committee due to pressure of work and her place would be taken by Mr Tovey who would also become a full member.	-	-	-
2	Apologies for Absence			
2.1	Apologies were received from: Mr Aston, Mr Smith, Mr Taylor, Ms Armstrong, Ms Collins, Mr Campbell and Mr Edy.	-	-	-
3	Minutes of the meeting July 11th 2007	-	-	-
3.1	The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.	-	-	-
4	Matters arising from the minutes,			
4.1	(min 4.1) Mr McAlinden had not agreed to 'keep an eye' on this problem. After discussion members agreed a statement to put on file to the effect that the study had been undertaken but not completed. Also, that any further work done would take into account any relevant work done on the study. Ms Rank agreed to inform Mr McAlinden of this decision.	Ms Rank agreed to inform Mr McAlinden of this decision.	Done	-
4.2	(min 4.2) RUBIAC publications 1) Mr Flint intends to complete the bulk of the updates the end of August and forward them to Dr Dost, Mr Hudspith	1&2) This work had not progressed due to Mr Flint's workload – it was agreed	Ms Rank	Update at next meeting.

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	and Ms Bonner (HSE) for consultation. 2) Ms Rank to speak with Mr Flint regarding the training manual given the reluctance of HSE to agree publication on the web as it stands.	that Ms Rank would take this forward.		Update at next Meeting
4.3	(min 4.3) BTMA/BRPPA – Dr Dost The secretary said the Cancer Statement was almost finished but needed a minor comment, which could be agreed outside the meeting. Once the amendment had been made the statement could be put onto the website. The final version would be sent to members with the minutes.	The Cancer Statement had been circulated to members prior to the meeting and would shortly be put onto the HSE Website.	-	-
4.4	(min 5a) BTMA/BRPPA – Dr Dost Tyre handling problems at distribution depots – Project team. Mr King offered to get a HSE Ergonomist and HSE inspectors to attend. Mr Hinks offered to head the team Mr Hudspeth thought that there should be union involvement and Mr Jenkins said there were union members at Christian Salveston who could give useful input and Mr Hudspeth said he would look into this.	Update at Item 5a on the Agenda	-	-
4.5	(min 5f) Trades Unions - TGWU, Amicus & GMB Mr Hudspith to provide a link to the Safety Reps Guidance and the Minutes Secretary to forward it to members with the minutes. Mr Hudspith to obtain hard copies of the guidance for the members at the next meeting.			
4.6	(min 6.1) All future meetings to have a room available in the afternoon for members to network if they wished. Mr Tovey offered to take the lead in setting a topic for	The meeting room and a smaller one had been booked for the whole day for anyone wanting to network. Mr Tovey gave a short presentation	-	-

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	discussion in the afternoon after the December 5 th 2007 meeting. The Secretary and Mr Tovey to discuss.	after the main meeting on 'Sharing Good Practice – Ergonomics' for members able to stay.	-	-
4.7	(min 7.1) Dr Gray gave a presentation on REACH and the way it will affect members in future - presentation will be forwarded to members with the minutes of the meeting.	Done	-	-
4.8	(min 8) Date and Venue of Next Meeting The next meeting will take place on December 5th 2007 at HSE's Nottingham office – room to be booked for whole day re min 6.1. The following meeting will take place on April 9th at Quorn Grange Hotel – Mr Hudspith to confirm.	Done Done	- -	- -
5	Progress Reports – Including report back on implementation of 'Rubbing out Risks'			
5a	BTMA/BRPPA Dr Dost reported back for BTMA/BRPPA.			
5b	RMA			
5c	ITMA Dr Dost informed members that ITMA had submitted members accident stats for 2006			
5d	NTDA Mr White reported that members were reporting accidents to the NTDA and that they are collating them.			
5e	TRA			
5f	Trade Unions Mr Hudspith said he was frustrated that not much was happening with the implementation of 'Rubbing out Risk' He wants to say that the industry is committed to the objectives but feels he can't unless it's true.			

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	<p>Mr Reed said a few of his members had been on training courses and managers had been impressed. There had been a pilot scheme on Safety Standards training. Pirelli has an on-site learning center and they were looking at using computers to get people in and to do Health and Safety. Looked at HSE construction – ABC of accident and thought they could make it specific to their factory this would be targeted at migrant workers and new starters. They hadn't yet had the 'green light' to go ahead from the company.</p>			
5g	<p>HSE Mr King and Ms Rank</p> <p><i>Spontaneous combustion of shredded tyres</i> – this overview summary was circulated prior to the meeting and would be put onto the HSE website. It was agreed that HSL would be asked to include in the paper more details of the general prevention and mitigation measures before the paper is put on the website. However, it should be born in mind that the document is an overview summary not guidance.</p> <p><i>Research on Curtain Sided Lorries</i> – work was progressing well. It had been decided to make use of focus groups for undertaking the risk assessment element of the research and this would delay completion of the research by a few weeks.</p> <p><i>Repot on a fatal Accident in 2005 at a coating machine used to coat steel rings.</i> The machine had an interlocked front guard and the employee gained access through a</p>	Request HSL to include more detail of general prevention/mitigation measures prior to putting on HSE website	Mr King	ASAP

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	<p>side panel and was crushed. The company was prosecuted and fined £30,000 and ordered to pay £16,000 costs.</p> <p>Mr Hudspith expressed concern that the industry hadn't been provided with information about the accident at the time it happened. He would try to get a motion to Unite about this kind of thing and hopes that a way can be found to get this kind of information to the industry. Mr Hinks said there had been an informal briefing in RUBIAC when the incident happened.</p>			
6	Update on HSL Monitoring – Rubber Dust and Fume and MbOCA			
6.1	Mr Kean gave a presentation on 'HSL Monitoring – Rubber Dust and Fume and MbOCA' which will be forwarded with the minutes.	Presentation to be circulated with the minutes.		
7	Rubber Dust and Fume – Paper in Journal of Environmental and Occupational Medicine.			
7.1	Dr Dost introduced the paper 'Exposure to Inhaleable dust and its Cyclohexane Soluble Fraction since 1970s in the Rubber Manufacturing Industry in the European Union'			
8	AOB			
	There were no AOB items.			
9	Date and Time of Next Meeting			
9.1	The next meeting will take place on April 9 th 2008 at Quorn Grange Hotel.			
9.1	If members were asked to let the Secretary know if they had a possible venue for the July 4 th 2008 meeting.			
10	Sharing Good Practice – Ergonomics			
10.1	After Lunch Mr Tovey gave a present on Sharing Good			

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	Practice – Ergonomics.			