

Rubber Industry Advisory Committee (RUBIAC)**Actions/Minutes of the 77th meeting of RUBIAC
of March 24th 2009 at HSE's Manchester Office..**

Present	Representing
Mr T Aston	HSE - Chairman
Ms S Rank	HSE - Secretary
Dr A Dost	BTMA & BRPPA
Mr D White	NTDA
Mr G King	HSE
Mr J McAlinden	HSE
Mr J Reed	Unite
Mr M Johnson	HSE
Mr R A Hudspith	Unite
Mr R Taylor	ITMA and TRA
Mr S Hinks	Pirelli
Ms A Rayner	HSE – Minutes Secretary
Ms Priti Shah	HSE
<u>Apologies</u> Dave Tovey Steve Mills Richard Edy David Wilson Peter Taylor	<u>Observers</u> Mr P Baugh Mr D Green

List of agreed actions

No	Action	By whom	Date By
4.8	(min 8.2) Super Singles survey - Report back at next meeting.	Mr Edy	Next meeting
5.1	1) MBT – Flexsys Plant, Wrexham - Mr McAlinden to make arrangements for direct contact with the sites and to check if an informal or formal response should be made. 2) Dr Dost to send Mr McAlinden the site ID's	<i>Mr McAlinden</i> Dr Dost	Report back at next meeting After the meeting

6.2	Mr Johnson's presentation to be forwarded with the minutes.	Secretary/ Minutes Secretary	With the minutes
7.1	Meeting to be arranged to discuss the end of strategy report.	Secretary	Before the end of April
7.3	Mr Reeds PowerPoint presentation to be forwarded to members with the minutes	Secretary/ Minutes Secretary	With the minutes
9.1	Secretary/Minutes secretary to liaise with Mr Hinks regarding the venue for the next meeting.	Secretary/Minutes Secretary/Mr Hinks	Before next meeting

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1	Introduction			
1.1	The Chair welcomed everyone, and opened the meeting.	-	-	-
2	Apologies for Absence			
2.1	Apologies were received from: Dave Tovey, Steve Mills, Richard Edy, David Wilson and Peter Taylor	-	-	-
3	Minutes of the meeting of December 3r.			
3.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	-	-	-
4	Matters Arising			
4.1	(min 4.7) Issue of safety alerts following fatal/serious accidents/incidents - Union had dialogue with Judith Hackett on subject and arranged to meet Steve Shaw in early January 2009 to discuss – report back at next meeting	Mr Hudspith reported that the meeting went ahead and a paper was subsequently submitted to the board, it was agreed that there was no constraint in issuing alerts but that the legal constraints must be taken into account. Mr King said that a paper had gone out for consultation and agreement should be reached soon.	-	Discharged
4.2	(min 4.10) AOB - Spontaneous heating of piled tyre shred and rubber crumb Dr Dost asked HSE to clarify the source of the evidence	Update to be included in the meeting minutes.	Secretary	Discharged

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	contained in the briefing note.			
4.3	(min 5.a) BTMA/BRPPA - A workshop on Health and Safety for Maintenance Engineers was run and contributions were made by the Secretary and Mr King.	Information and a list of comments to be provided with the minutes.	-	Discharged
4.4	(min 5.f) 1) The TUC had produced a web based guide and a publication on Occupational Cancer which is available on the website. Mr Hudspith said he would provide a link to put in the meeting minutes. 2) Mr Edy to manage a survey of his members assisted by Mr King.	Mr Hudspith to provide a link to the web based guide publication on Occupational Cancer Mr Edy wasn't present at the meeting but it was decided to drop this as the numbers involved in the survey would be small.	- -	Discharged Discharged
4.5	(min 5.g) 1) Load Security on Curtain Sided Lorries - The Secretary and Mr King to look into possibility of summarising the research on Load Security. 2) Tyre handling workshops - Tyre handling workshop flyer/poster to be sent with minutes 3) Link to information on the consultation process on HSE's new strategy to be sent with the minutes. More information can be found on HSE's website at: Strategy and plan from Health and Safety Executive 4) European Safety Standards – Secretary to e-mail information on the working Group to Mr Hinks, Mr Tovey and Mr Taylor and clarify if the group was tyre specific.	An article summarising the research was produced and forwarded to members Sent with meeting minutes Sent with meeting minutes -	- - - -	Discharged Discharged Discharged Discharged

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	5) Rubbing out Risk – Draft report on the outcome of Rubbing out Risk.	This will be discussed at the next meeting.	-	Discharged
4.6	(min 6.1) Mr McAlinden gave a presentation on ‘what happens next’ when the DRP (Disease Reduction Programme) ended in March 2009. Copy of the presentation to be circulated with the minutes.	Sent with the minutes	-	Discharged
4.7	(min 7.1) Cancer statement to be uploaded onto website	Cancer statement to be uploaded onto website	-	Discharged
4.8	(min 8.2) Super Singles survey - Report back at next meeting.	Report will be sent with minutes – no one was stacking high and in 67% of cases two people were involved in stacking.	Mr Edy	Next meeting
4.9	(min 9.1) It was agreed that the following meeting would take place in HSE’s Manchester office where there would be more space for Ms Shah’s presentation on LEV. Date and time to be arranged.	Meeting took place in HSE’s Manchester Office	-	Discharged
4.10	(min 10.1) Due to inclement weather conditions on the day Ms Shah’s presentation on LEV to be put onto the agenda for the next meeting..	It was decided not to do this unless a specific request was received. But Mr Aston was intending to run one as part of the ‘Revitalising’ network.	-	Discharged
5	MBT – Flexsys Plant, Wrexham			
5.1	This item was raised by the TU’s following media coverage of a report of a research study by Birmingham University’s Institute of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. The study suggested that staff at Flexsys - formerly Monsanto - who had come into contact with a substance known as MBT were twice as likely to	-	-	-

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	<p>die of large intestine and bladder cancers.</p> <p>Dr Dost pointed out that this was an old study and exposure to this substance at these levels would no longer occur.</p> <p>Mr McAlinden said that members of WATCH had been asked to comment and that he would make direct contact with the sites to check if an informal or formal response should be made. Dr Dost offered to send the site ID's to Mr McAlinden after the meeting.</p>	<p>Mr McAlinden to make arrangements for direct contact with the sites and to check if an informal or formal response should be made.</p> <p>Dr Dost to send Mr McAlinden the site ID's</p>	<p>Mr McAlinden</p> <p>Dr Dost</p>	<p>Report back at next meeting</p> <p>After the meeting.</p>
5.2	Mr Hudspith said known users should be alerted to promote a cautionary approach but that he was reassured that there was less of a problem than appeared from the original article.	-	-	-
6	HSE Cancer Website			
6.1	<p>Mr Johnson gave a presentation on the new HSE Cancer website. Stakeholders had been consulted and their views on the existing HSE site taken into account. There would be specific pages for employees, employers, the work of HSE and its stakeholders and also a page containing case studies.</p> <p>A formal working group was to be set up and it was expected that the site would be developed within 4 to 6 months.</p> <p>Stakeholders will be consulted before the formal launch</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>	<p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p> <p>-</p>
6.2	Mr Huspith welcomed the introduction of the site and thought there would be massive interest. But he questioned why, when a	The presentation to be forwarded with the meeting minutes. Any	Secretary/ Minutes	With the minutes

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	substance was a known carcinogen, it wasn't got rid of or phased out. Mr Johnson said there was now a strong drive towards this.	comments would be welcomed and should be sent to Mike Johnson at: mike.johnson@hse.gsi.gov.uk	Secretary/ Members	
7	Progress Reports – including report back on implementation of ‘Rubbing out Risks’			
7.1	The Chairman reminded members that the ‘Rubbing out Risk’ strategy was nearing its end and that the Secretary would have to send a report to Ms Hackitt. A meeting would have to be arranged to agree outcomes before the report was submitted and before the end of April 2009.	Arrange to meet before the end of April to discuss the report.	Secretary/ Minutes Secretary	April 2009
7.2	<p>BTMA/BRPPA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Dost had so far only received data for BTMA and reported that there had been a disappointing increase in accident rates which he would discuss at the accident working group. Dr Dost thought that an in depth study was needed either ‘in house’ or by HSE. • Mr Hudspith said there was difficulty in bringing trade associations into the RUBIAC structure. RUBIAC needed to establish why some things worked and some didn't – do the targets need adjusting or do we need to be more specific about targets so they are easier to measure? Accident rates are rather crude and there are other ways to measure than by accidents rates. He wondered if there was a difference between companies that failed and those that achieved. If so could we see what feature the failed companies had? What we needed to do was to find out what happened and find out why. Some industry groups hadn't signed up until well into the strategy period. 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Aston agreed with Mr Huspith and said the committee needed to deconstruct the process to find out what went wrong. Possibly needing to deconstruct the process but couldn't do that until all the data had been collected from other participants. 			
7.3	<p>Trades Unions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Huspith said that the article on security of loads was being publicised and forwarded to all Unite Safety Representatives April/May and would be funded by advertising. Unite had a transport committee which fed into the Road Distribution Action Group and he will raise these issues in all the industries they operate in and also put it onto the website The Unite union would be formally created on May 1st Mr Reed showed a PowerPoint presentation on a customized Health and Safety unit course which he had produced for the site which will be sent out with the meeting minutes. 	Mr Reed's PowerPoint presentation to be forwarded to members.	Secretary/ Minutes Secretary	With the meeting minutes
7.4	<p>HSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Aston reminded members that the 'Rubbing out Risk' strategy was nearing its end and Ms Rank would be required to write a report for Judith Hackett. He said that the group needed to meet again at the end of the strategy to agree the outcome before the report was submitted before the end of April. Ms Rank said that 6 Tyre Handling seminars had taken place with approximately 50 delegates at each and that they had been well received. 			

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8	Any Other Business			
8.1	Non	-	-	-
9	Date and Venue of Next Meeting			
9.1	<p>The next meeting to take place on July 7th 2009. Mr Hinks volunteered Pirelli's Burton-on-Trent premises.</p> <p>The following meeting provisional booked for December 1st 2009 at HSE's Nottingham office.</p>	Secretary/Minutes secretary to liaise with Mr Hinks regarding venue for the next meeting.	Secretary/ Minutes Secretary/ Mr Hinks	Before next meeting.