

## Rubber Industry Advisory Committee (RUBIAC)

### Actions/Minutes of the 74th meeting of RUBIAC of April 9th 2008 at Quorn Grange Hotel, Quorn, Leicestershire.

Present	Representing
Mr J Barrett	HSE - Chair
Ms S Rank	HSE - Secretary
Dr A Dost	BTMA & BRPPA
Mr D Tovey	CBI - Michelin
Mr G King	HSE –Acting Minutes Secretary
Mr I Ellison	HSE
Mr J McAlinden	HSE
Mr J Reed	Unite
Mr R A Hudspith	Unite
Mr S Hinks	Pirelli
Mr D Green	Goodyear Dunlop
Mr S Mills	Hull City Council
Mr K Cambell	GMB
Mr M Jenkins	Unite
<b><u>Apologies</u></b> Terry Aston Anne Rayner David Wilson Richard Edy David White Martin Smith Robert Taylor Ian Hilton	<b><u>Observers</u></b>

#### List of agreed actions

Agenda Item	Action	By whom	Date By
5	Produce position paper	Secretary	May 2008
5a	BTMA to pursue increase in accident rate	BTMA's APWP	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting
5d	Speak to NDTA regarding Rubbing Out Risks	Secretary	May/June 2008
5g	Inform members when securing loads research published	HSE	Summer 2008
8	Submission of MbOCA reports	Secretary for HSE Dr Dost for BRPPA	On completion of reports

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<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>			
1.1	Chair thanked Unite for providing the venue for the meeting and for their hospitality. He welcomed Ian Ellison and Darren Green to their first meeting and welcomed back John McAlinden from HSE's Disease Reduction Programme Team.	-	-	-
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>			
2.1	Apologies were received from: Mr Aston, Ms Rayner, Mr Wilson, Mr Taylor, Mr Edy, Mr White, Mr Smith, Mr Taylor and Mr Hilton	-	-	-
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of the meeting December 5th 2007</b>	-	-	-
3.1	Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.	-	-	-
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>			
4.1	<b>(min 4.2) RUBIAC publications</b> Mr Flint had undertaken to do an updating edit of existing RUBIAC publications and put them on the website. He is no longer able to do so. Secretary will take this forward. It is not high priority work and will be completed in due course when time permits. Secretary reminded members that in the meantime stocks of hard copy publications are held by HSE. Anyone requiring copies should contact Secretary.	Update existing publications and place on website in due course.	Secretary	No deadline. When time permits. <b>Discharge from agenda</b>
4.2	<b>(min 5g) Self heating of shredded tyres.</b> Additional information about general precautions had been added to the position paper as agreed at last meeting of RUBIAC. The document has been placed on the HSE website.	<b>Discharged</b>	-	-
4.3	<b>(Min 6.1) Presentation by C Keen, HSL on surveys of rubber dust and fume and MbOCA.</b> Secretary had circulated copies of the presentation to members by electronic mail but file size had meant some members had not received it. Hard copies can be provided.	Members requiring hard copy of presentation to contact Secretary. <b>Discharged.</b>	Members as required	-
<b>5</b>	<b>Rubbing Out the Risks Strategy. Partners' progress reports</b> <b>Note.</b> Secretary will produce a position paper summarizing the progress reported by stakeholders in each sector in implementing the RUBIAC strategy.	Prepare summary position paper	Secretary	May 2008
<b>5a-(1)</b>	<b>BRPPA</b> BRPPA had provided a written progress report. Attached as annex 1 of these minutes. Dr Dost highlighted the main items in the report.	<b>Discharged</b>		

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5a-(2)	<p><b>BTMA</b>  BTMA had provided a written progress report. Attached as annex 2 of these minutes. Dr Dost highlighted the main items in the report. These included a 20% increase in accident stats over the last reporting period. There was a discussion about the possible reasons. Suggestions put forward included the introduction by some employers of sick pay schemes that pay sick pay from the first day and that some employers had still not yet got to grips with H&amp;S culture.</p>	The BTMA APWP Party to pursue at its next meeting.	BTMA's APWP	Their next meeting. May 2008
5b	<p><b>RMA</b>  RMA had provided a written progress report. Attached as annex 3 to these minutes. RMA are collecting accident statistics. These show a downward trend. RMA have provided members with H&amp;S information packs and a model company H&amp;S action plan for them to adopt/adapt to their needs and are encouraging member companies to implement H&amp;S action plans.</p>			
5c	<p><b>ITMA</b>  No report. Dr Dost reported that as ITMA's activities are office based their accidents stats are likely to be benign.</p>			
5d	<p><b>NTDA</b>  No report. Secretary plans to meet NDTA representatives to find out what action they are taking to implement Rubbing Out the Risks in their sector, to offer support and request a written progress report.</p>	Secretary to seek meeting with NDTA Representatives.	Secretary	May or June 2008
5e	<p><b>TRA</b>  No report.</p>			

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5f	<p><b>Trade Unions</b></p> <p>Mr Hudspith said that the TU representatives recognize that it takes time for stakeholders to adopt and implement action plans to carry forward the Rubbing Out the Risks strategy but that RUBIAC needs to see the results of action plans so that it can decide what it needs to do to ensure that the strategy keeps on track. He noted that BRPPA and BTMA had provided the information needed for their sectors but that this was not the case for some of the other stakeholder groups. He also reported on the TU input to the joint HSE/IOD guidance for Directors on H&amp;S leadership, into the work of ACTs and on the issue of corporate manslaughter.</p>			
5g	<p><b>HSE</b></p> <p><i>Research into methods of securing loads on curtain-sided Lorries.</i> Mr King reported that the final phase of the research had been completed; the draft report from the research contractors was expected within a week or so and would be discussed at a meeting of the project team planned for end of April. The researcher's will then finalise the report which, following approval by HSE management, will be published on the HSE website. It was agreed that RUBIAC will need to decide what action to take in response to the report's findings in relation to securing of loads of rubber and ancillary products.</p> <p><i>Fatal accident.</i> Ms Rank outlined what was known about the circumstances of a fatal accident at a rubber coating manufacturer during a process involving inspecting the product for defects.</p> <p>There followed discussion about the issue of alerting employers in the industry about the lessons from circumstances of fatal and serious accidents. Chair outlined the rules and procedures that, in most cases, prevent HSE for releasing information arising from an ongoing investigation as doing so would prejudice the investigation itself and/or any subsequent trial. He said that, in the past, HSE had issued general press releases following some serious and fatal accidents in a way that did not identify the employer or disclose</p>	<p>Secretary to inform members when the research is published and provide them with a link to the report.</p> <p>Chair to discuss internally to see if there was some scope for press releases following serious accidents.</p>	<p>HSE</p> <p>Chair</p>	<p>Summer 2008</p> <p><i>Following internal discussion</i></p>

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	evidence that could prejudice the enquiry or legal process. Final decisions on this were made by the investigating officers on the basis of legal advice. The main difficulty was that each case had to be looked at on its merits with the balance point between public interest for release and public interest in maintaining the effectiveness of the regulatory system. He could not comment on any procedures that might be followed by other stakeholders.			
6	<p><b>Update on HSE Disease Reduction Program</b></p> <p>Mr McAlinden gave a detailed presentation providing an update of the progress with HSE's disease reduction programme in so far as it relates to the rubber industries and outlined HSE's LEV (Local Exhaust Ventilation) project. Members were provided with copies of the presentation with the papers. Chair thanked Mr McAlinden for the presentation.</p>			
7	<p><b>Research into Industry Targeted Initiatives</b></p> <p>Chair gave a presentation summarizing the findings of research commissioned by HSE into the effectiveness of industry targeted initiatives. These included previous RUBIAC three year action plans. The research showed that these initiatives can be effective.</p>			
8	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Dr Dost reported that IARC are to reassess carcinogens and their use in industries including rubber industry. EDRMA will be making submissions to IARC including pointing out that benzene and Beta Naphthylamine are no longer used in the industry.</p> <p>Dr Dost reported HSE had done work in relation to MbOCA following its reclassification from category 2a to category 1 and that a BRPPA study is also on going. He proposed that RUBIAC becomes the final body to whom HSE and BRPPA should submit the results of their studies for review. This was agreed. Dr Dost also requested members views on whether RUBIAC should produce and publish a statement in relation to the evidence of any cancer risks associated with handling and use of MbOCA in the same way it had for rubber dust and fume. It was agreed that this was appropriate.</p>	<p>HSE and BRPPA to submit their study reports on MbOCA to RUBIAC when completed.</p> <p>Prepare statement on MbOCA</p>	<p>Secretary for HSE. Dr Dost for BRPPA.</p> <p>Secretary to initiate.</p>	<p>On completion of reports.</p>
9	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008. Goodyear Dunlop (Tyre Fort), Birmingham subject to confirmation</p>			