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**TEXIAC – the advisory committee for health and safety for the textiles,  
footwear and leather industries**

**Issue**

1. At the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of TEXIAC it was agreed that the office of Chair need not be filled by a member of HSE and so the protocol set out in Paper 23/03/3 (revised) was subsequently adopted.
2. At the 29<sup>th</sup> meeting it was agreed that the protocol in Paper 23/03/3 revised should be revoked and a new protocol drawn up to reflect the view of the Committee that the chair should be drawn from the employers' representatives on the committee.

**Timing**

3. With effect from the 31<sup>st</sup> Meeting of TEXIAC on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

**Recommendation**

4. TEXIAC is invited to agree the following:
  - a. The office of chair should be held by a member of the Committee representing the employers' bodies.
  - b. The nominated person should hold office for a maximum of 2 years.
  - c. The nomination should be made at the meeting prior to the new chair taking up post.
5. If the Chair is unable to attend a meeting or resigns during their term in office, their place may be taken by another member of the Committee.