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TEXTILES INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REVIEW OF TEXIAC PUBLICATIONS

Issue

1. DIAS, HSE's publications section has proposed to delete a number of TEXIAC publications from the HSE catalogue; these are marked on the list at Appendix 1
2. A decision is required on this proposal and on TEXIAC's future publications strategy.

Timing

3. Immediate

Recommendations

4. It is proposed that:
 - a. TEXIAC agrees to the deletion of these publications;
 - b. the guidance they contain is extracted and re-issued in Information Sheet format where appropriate, or updated in a revised priced publication.
 - c. the work is programmed over a 5 year period. (The order of priority to be agreed with the industry committees.)
 - d. in the meantime, the Sector would hold the remaining stocks and supply originals or copies of publications on demand.
 - e. New TEXIAC guidance is prepared in Information Sheet format.

Discussion

5. Appendix 1 gives the sales figures for textiles publications over the past 4 years. You will see that, with the exception of the 'Chemical safety summary poster', demand for priced publications is very low.
6. The publications proposed for deletion are out of date; they refer to old legislation, out of print publications, and old contact addresses and telephone numbers. Although the guidance may not have changed very much, it is nonetheless detrimental to HSE to continue to charge for obsolete information.

7. Two of the publications are shortly to go 'out of print'; these are
 - a. Safeguarding of woollen and worsted finishing machines 1983,
and
 - b. Safeguarding of topmaking machinery (excluding cards) 1986

The option to move these to 'print on demand' status is not available as neither is currently available as an electronic document and, given the level of demand, it would be uneconomic to prepare an electronic version. They will therefore be deleted from the catalogue by default.

8. The figures for Textiles Information Sheets and leaflets show that the take up of free publications is much higher. (These figures do not include the copies downloaded from the internet.) It is likely, therefore, that this format would achieve a greater penetration. It is also possible to pro-actively distribute copies to companies who need the information.

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