

TYRE AND RUBBER INDUSTRIES SAFETY ACTION GROUP: NOTES AND ACTIONS FROM THE 30 NOVEMBER MEETING

Present: Geoff Cox (Chair); Graham Willson; Richard Edy; Peter Taylor; John Dorken; David Wilson; Tony Perkins; Abid Dost; Tim Small; Cliff Seymour (Secretary).

1. Geoff Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting, and explained that he was still awaiting a final answer on TU representation on this successor body to RUBIAC. Members expressed their strong desire for this to be a tripartite body, and for this to be reiterated to the Trades Unions.

ACTION: Steering Group Chair

2. Members discussed the Terms of Reference document circulated by Graham at the final RUBIAC meeting. It was agreed that the wording now needed to be changed from its current 'proposal' style into an 'agreed' style. The Chair agreed to do this in line with the comments expressed during the meeting, and to circulate the revised document for further comment and agreement.

ACTION: Steering Group Chair

3. It was agreed that there would be two Working Groups for the time being, plus a facility for the Steering Group to create additional task and finish groups to address specific issues should the need arise. WG1 would deal with manufacturing issues, and Abid would be its Chair. The BRPPA, BTMA, TRA and RMA all indicated that they would be represented. WG2 would deal with distribution/use issues, and David (White) would be its Chair. The core membership would come from the NTDA, but the RMA and the TRA said they might also wish to be represented, depending on the work being proposed. Links with the MVR Forum were seen to be important, and EHO representation was also seen as being very desirable. Both Chairs would seek TU representation on their WGs, and HSE's representative would be Cliff Seymour. Both Chairs would confirm their WGs' 2011 priorities after consulting their WG members but it is expected that WG1's priorities would include the Action Plans for the BTMA and BRPPA.

ACTION: Working Group Chairs

4. The Steering Group would consider possible revisions to the existing RUBIAC guidance as it was agreed that whilst the overall content was good some of the technical references were now out of date. It is hoped that any revised material could be made available as website downloads.

ACTION: Steering Group

5. We discussed several aspects of how this new body should work. For instance:

- it was agreed that accident data should not be aggregated in a way that resulted in trends being obscured. It was felt that subsector accident data should be presented in one document on an annual basis, but should not be aggregated;
- it was felt that individual Trade Associations' Action Plans should be circulated annually to inform all members and stimulate new ideas, and
- it was felt that the new body needed to have a launch event in the first half of 2011 to promote itself and encourage active participation.

6. There was a brief discussion on HSE's provisional RIDDOR statistics for Rubber Manufacture 2009-2010. These are to be forwarded to members of the Steering Group.

ACTION: Steering Group Secretary

7. We agreed on a name for the new body, having checked for possible clashes with others using the same initials. The chosen name is the Tyre and Rubber Industries Safety Action Group (TRISAG).

8. The next meeting of TRISAG will be at 10.30 on 14 April 2011 at TyreFort, Birmingham.