SEVESO III DIRECTIVE - UPDATE

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Issue

1. To update the SMT on progress so far in the negotiations on the proposed Directive, highlighting the potentially significant issues associated with changes in the proposed Directive, and to seek clearance for the attached HSE Board paper.

Timing

2. For clearance on 1 June to enable discussion at the Board meeting on 29 June.

Recommendation

3. The Senior Management Team is asked to:

   i. Note the wider implications of the proposed changes, particularly in relation to public information provision and the likely cost of setting up and maintaining a database.

   ii. Approve the attached paper for submission to the HSE Board.

Background


Consultation

5. Consultation has taken place widely within the UK COMAH Competent Authority (HSE, the Environment Agency and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency in Great Britain, the Northern Ireland Competent Authority, and Gibraltar, via the FCO), with other HSE colleagues (other parts of HID, International Unit, International Chemicals Unit, CSAG and PEFD), HSL and TSOl. Officials responsible for planning policy in the devolved administrations have also been consulted as have other government departments with an interest such as DEFRA, DECC, CLG, Home Office and BIS.