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Explosives Legislative Review – Progress Report

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Issue

1. To ask the SMT to clear the attached HSE Board paper asking the Board to note progress with the Explosives Legislative Review (ELR) and agree to the proposed legislative consolidation of this industry sector.

Timing

2. Routine.

Recommendation

3. The Senior Management Team is asked to clear the attached paper for submission to the HSE Board.

Background

4. The Board were previously advised of the intention to review legislation in the explosives sector in August 2009. ELR started in 2010 and was identified in the Löfstedt report as a good-practice example of sector-based legislative consolidation.
5. ELR has already delivered significant simplification in the regulation of some aspects of the explosives sector. The programme has now reached the point that a route to wider legislative consolidation can be proposed. The board is asked to agree to a process that seeks to consolidate the legislative stock that delivers the intentions of Section 1 (1) of HSWA (as they relate to the manufacture, storage and acquisition of explosives and acetylene) into the 'Explosives Regulations 2014' and the 'Control of Acetylene Regulations 2014'.

Consultation

6. Views on the contents of this paper have been received from Sector stakeholder representatives via a number of programme governance and task and finish groups; Treasure Solicitors Department; Better Regulation Unit; Economic Analysis Unit and the Explosives Inspectorate.
7. The proposed route to consolidation has been agreed by the HSE Regulation Committee.