

This OC introduces guidance agreed with the flour milling industry on the preventive and precautionary measures appropriate against risks from access on to bulk flour road tankers.

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Field Operations Division

OC 537/5

To

Agricultural and Factory Inspectors

FCG Specialist Inspectors (Mech)

ACCESS ON TO THE TOPS OF ROAD TANKERS IN THE

FLOUR MILLING INDUSTRY

1 A copy of a guidance note, *Access on to the tops of road tankers in the flour milling industry*, prepared by the Incorporated National Association of British and Irish Millers (NABIM), has been issued to file 537. The guidance has been drafted in conjunction with the Food NIG as representing an agreed industry standard.

2 The guidance sets out the current situations in which access is required, and describes the risks of falls from tanker tops. It stresses the need, when replacing vehicles, to specify built-in safety features designed to minimise the need for top access, and indicates that NABIM will liaise directly with manufacturers to improve design centrally.

3 For existing tankers it recognises that the requirement for top access is likely to remain. It discusses the options for providing safe top access including collapsible fencing on the tanker top walkways and the provision of access gantries of the type described in the ACoP to the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992 reg.13 (file 200).

4 Where top access is required for sampling, the guidance urges site occupiers to provide suitable safe means of access, preferably via gantries or moveable frames.

Action by inspectors

5 During inspections of flour mills, inspectors are asked to bear in mind the employers' duties both at mills and at delivery points.

6 Any problems or feedback should be referred to the Food NIG, Area 21.

Annotation of instructions

OC 537/5: ACCESS ON TO THE TOPS OF ROAD TANKERS IN THE FLOUR MILLING INDUSTRY

7 OC 537/3 - note "See OC 537/5". . . .

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