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Significant matters

1. Since the last AIAC meeting the FISA Steering Group has met on 11 December 2018 and 1 June 2019. There has also been a forestry summit held on 29 March 2019. Details of FISA working groups can be found at
<http://www.ukfisa.com/working-groups.html>
2. The sharing of lessons learned continues to be a feature of meetings. Member organisations are encouraged to produce safety bulletins or alerts for the more significant incidents which are shared on FISA's website. Incidents continue to draw attention to the need for effective planning, monitoring and supervision.
3. HSE's proactive inspection programme (which took place in the later half of the 2018/2019 work year has raised a number of issues on which FISA wishes to show leadership. Adequate welfare provision is the priority issue and FISA is working on guidance while demonstrate compliance across a range of scenarios.
4. Chair Alastair Sandels continues to remind members of FISA's role in showing leadership to the industry and the importance of leadership in achieving behaviour change. This has proved challenging in a number of areas where there is tension between the desire for change and existing industry structure.
5. The Chainsaw working group has been particularly active. Links have been reformed with Worksafe BC. Worksafe BC was originally seen as a model the UK forest industry aspires to. In a number of areas Worksafe BC has made progress in tackling issues FISA wishes to address. Not all elements of the Worksafe BC model are transferrable due to differences in industry structure. As part of the process of ensuring competency, the WG has proposed changes to interpretation of the two tree-length rule. The principle has been agreed although the detail is yet to be worked through. Finalising the arrangements will be challenging for many organisations involved in forestry, including HSE.
6. A haulage working group has agreed further guidance for load security. While this may still be an issue where work is in progress, the guidance may increase in levels of compliance.
7. GMHSF – at the final draft stage with final comments now being considered. Development has been challenging as roles and responsibilities have been modified to reflect influence over forestry safety

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