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Health, Safety and Hygiene at Work

FIFTH ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK 2008

1. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COMMITTEE

1.1 Origin, competence and remit

In view of the need to establish a new standing body to assist the Commission in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of activities in the field of safety and health at work, and to streamline the consultation process and the bodies set up for this purpose by the Council's decisions in this area, the Council of the European Union, by its Decision of 22 July 2003 (2003/C 218/01), set up an Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work[1].

This Committee took on the tasks of both the former Advisory Committee on Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work and the Safety and Health Commission for the Mining and Other Extractive Industries, covering all public and private sectors of the economy.

With a view to ensuring continuity in dealing with the questions addressed by the former Safety and Health Commission for the Mining and Other Extractive Industries, a dedicated Standing Working Party was set up within the Committee (Article 6(4) of Council Decision 2003/C 218/01).

The main tasks of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work (Article 2(2) of Council Decision 2003/C 218/01) are:

a) to exchange views and experience regarding existing or planned regulations on the basis of the information available to it;
b) to help devise a common approach to problems in the field of safety and health at work and to identify Community priorities as well as the measures necessary to implement them;
c) to draw the Commission's attention to areas where there is an apparent need for new knowledge and suitable training and research measures;
d) to define, within the context of Community action programmes:

[1] OJ C 218, 13.9.2003, p. 1.

- the criteria and aims for preventing accidents at work and health hazards within undertakings;
- methods enabling undertakings and their employees to evaluate and to improve the level of protection;

e) to contribute, alongside the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, to keeping national administrations, trade unions and employers' organisations informed of Community measures in order to facilitate cooperation and to encourage any initiatives on their part to exchange experience and establish codes of practice;

f) to give opinions on plans for Community initiatives concerning safety and health at work;

g) to give an opinion on the annual programme and the rotating four-year programme of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work.

1.2 Structure and operation

The Committee is a tripartite body, with full members comprising, for each Member State, one government representative, one representative of the trade unions and one representative of employers' organisations. Two alternate members are appointed for each full member. The full and alternate members of the Committee are appointed by the Council, which publishes the list of members in the Official Journal of the European Union for information purposes.

Within the Committee, there are three interest groups representing national governments, trade unions and employers' organisations, respectively. Each interest group selects one of its members to be its spokesperson and designates a coordinator.

The Committee's activities are organised by a Bureau, composed of two representatives of the Commission and the spokespersons and coordinators designated by the interest groups.

The Committee is chaired by the Director-General in charge of social policy at the Commission or, where he/she is prevented from so doing, by one of the Directorate-General's directors designated by the Director-General for this purpose.

The Committee may establish working parties to be chaired by a Committee member. The results of their proceedings are submitted in the form of a report at a meeting of the Committee.

Opinions of the Committee are delivered by an absolute majority of the votes cast. An opinion delivered by the Committee is valid when two thirds of its members are present.

The Commission provides secretarial services for the Committee.

The Committee adopted its Rules of Procedure on 18 November 2004, on the basis of a favourable Commission opinion (COM(2004) 756 final). The adopted text was transmitted for information purposes to the European Parliament and Council.

In compliance with Article 8 of Council Decision 2003/C 218/01, the Rules of Procedure of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work lay down the practical arrangements for its activities, in particular for fast-track decision-making procedures and cooperation with other bodies involved in safety and health at work at European level.

The Committee carries out its tasks on the basis of an annual work programme prepared by the Bureau and discussed and adopted by the Committee at its last plenary meeting each year (Article 21 of the Rules of Procedure).

The Committee submits an annual report to the Commission on its activities. This report is transmitted by the Secretariat for information to the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, the Senior Labour Inspectors Committee and the Scientific Committee for Occupational Exposure Limits to Chemical Agents (Article 22 of the Rules of Procedure).

2. ACTIVITIES IN 2008

Two plenary meetings were held in the course of 2008, on 29 May and 27 November.

At its **tenth plenary meeting** on 29 May 2008, the Committee adopted its annual report for 2007. It also adopted a remit for a new working party on "Evaluation of OSH Directives". The remit for the WP "Education and Training" was revised and adopted. The Committee also extended and revised the remit of the working party "Electromagnetic Fields" and finally approved the work programme of the Bilbao Agency for 2009.

At its **eleventh plenary meeting** on 27 November 2008, the Committee adopted an opinion prepared by the working party on "Community Strategy Implementation and Advisory Committee Action Programme". The Committee also adopted a remit for a new working party on "Community initiatives in the area of prevention of work-related musculoskeletal disorders". The Committee also adopted the Committee's Action Programme for 2009.

Meetings of the interest groups representing governments, employers and workers were held the day before each Committee plenary meeting. Two additional meetings of the interest groups were held during the year.

In 2008, the Standing Working Party on the Mining and Extractive Industries and the other working parties responsible for specific questions met 38 times. Proposed activities and priorities were put to the Committee by the Bureau, which met on four occasions. The activities of the Bureau and the working parties in 2008 are summarised in section 3 of this report.

2.1 Operational procedures

2.1.1 Fourth activity report of the Advisory Committee

The Committee adopted its fourth report, covering activities in 2007, at its plenary meeting on 27 November 2008.

2.1.2 Action programme 2009

At its eleventh meeting on 27 November 2008, the Committee adopted its action programme based on the new 2007-2012 Community Strategy on Health and Safety at Work.

2.2 Opinions adopted

2.2.1 Opinion of the Committee on the 'Community Strategy Implementation and Advisory Committee Action Programme'

The remit of this working party, which was established by the Committee at its plenary meeting on 21 June 2007, was extended in November 2007 to include collection and dissemination to ACSH members of information on OSH strategies and programmes already in place in the MS. The Working Party organised a first workshop on national strategies in October 2008. The draft opinion reported on the outcome of this workshop and identified potential new initiatives set in the Community Strategy for 2007-2012.

The Committee adopted the draft opinion unanimously on 27 November 2008.

2.2.2 Committee's opinion on the Bilbao Agency's draft work programme for 2009

The 2009 draft work programme for the Agency was presented to the Committee at its tenth plenary meeting on 28 May 2008 by Mr Jukka TAKKALA, Director of the Bilbao Agency. The draft was approved unanimously by the three interest groups.

3. ACTIVITIES OF THE WORKING PARTIES

3.1 Working parties active in 2008 and continuing their activities in 2009

3.1.1 Bureau

The Bureau met on four occasions in 2008 to prepare new mandates and organise and monitor the work of the working parties.

3.1.2 Standing Working Party for the Mining and Other Extractive Industries

The activities of this working party are of an ongoing nature, in accordance with Article 6(4) of Council Decision 2003/C 218/01. In 2008 the Standing Working Party met on twice occasions to continue the 2008-2009 work programme, which the Committee adopted at its 9th plenary meeting on 29 November 2007. Two key issues were debated: 1) the presentation of a code of good practice for the safe handling of

explosives; and 2) cooperation in the field of coal and mine safety between EU and China.

3.1.3 Chemicals at the Workplace

The remit of this working party, which was re-established by the Committee at its first plenary meeting from a group set up within the former Advisory Committee, was revised at the eighth plenary meeting on 21 June 2007.
The new remit, which covered the period 2008-2009, was for the working party to discuss a number of chemicals to which an Indicative Occupational Exposure Limit Value (IOELV) was assigned with the aim to prepare an opinion on the third list of IOELVs and develop activities within the framework of Directives 98/24/EC and 2004/37/EC.
At its eighth plenary meeting, the Advisory Committee extended this remit. Under the new remit, the WP was to examine the relationship between REACH 'derived-no-effect-levels' (DNEL) and occupational exposure limits (OELs). The WP should also examine how to improve the justification of SCOEL recommendations.
In addition to this the WP discussed and prepared a first draft on the interface between OSH and REACH; in particular a Guide for employers on controlling risks from chemicals. The working party met three times in 2008.

3.1.4 Health and Safety in the Hospital Sector

The mandate of this working party, which was re-established by the Committee at its first plenary meeting from a group set up within the former Advisory Committee, was revised at the fourth plenary meeting on 27 May 2005 and the sixth plenary meeting on 4 May 2006. Its new mandate was to assist the Commission in the preparation of a guide to prevention and good practice for hospital staff. The call for tender for preparing this guide was published in August 2007 and a contractor was chosen amongst the bids. A restricted group met with the contractor in September 2008 to start the work on the guide. The working party as a whole did not meet in 2008. The contractor will deliver a draft guide in September 2009. On the basis of that draft guide, the Working Party will propose a final guide for adoption of the Advisory Committee in 2010.

3.1.5 Electromagnetic Fields Guide

The original task of this group, set up on 27 May 2005, was to assist the Commission in the preparation of a guide to good practice for establishing the most appropriate conditions to ensure and maintain effective and sufficient conditions of protection for workers exposed to electromagnetic fields, in accordance with Directive 2004/40/EC on electromagnetic fields. At its seventh plenary meeting on 23 November 2006, the Committee extended the remit of this working party so that it could help the Commission in seeking appropriate solutions to the problems connected with the Directive's unintended effects on the use of magnetic resonance imaging. On 29 May 2008, this mandate was extended to all the medical and industrial sectors concerned by Directive 2004/40/ECIn particular, the group was to analyse the research conducted in the various Member States and within the Commission in order to prepare possible solutions and submit a draft opinion for adoption by the Advisory Committee. The group met five times in 2008.

3.1.6 Assessment and Development of User Guides

The Advisory Committee adopted the remit for this group on 25 November 2005. Its task was to evaluate, on the basis of information collected from national and other

players, the impact of the existing guides to good practice at Community level in the various sectors of activity, indicating the shortcomings or strengths in comparison with the guides produced at national and/or sectoral level and, on the basis of this evaluation, to make proposals to the Committee on the scope for designing a model to guarantee a uniform, qualitative improvement in drawing up and disseminating guides to good practice at Community level. The group met four times in 2008 and finalised the first part of the mandate by preparing a questionnaire, which was made available to the stakeholders through the Advisory Committee. The group also concentrated on parts 2 (proposals for a harmonized model for future guides) and 3 (priorities for new guides) of the mandate. The work was considered being close to the end.

3.1.7 Education and Training

This group's remit was extended and widened at the seventh plenary meeting of the Committee on 23 November 2006. The new remit assigned it the task of drafting general guidelines on knowledge and skills required by designated workers and services or external persons chosen to conduct occupational safety and health activities at various levels. The group met twice in 2008. At the tenth plenary meeting of the Committee on 29 May 2008 the revised mandate of the group was adopted. The revised mandate specifies that the remit of the Group is to assist the Commission in the preparation of the guidelines and that this preparatory work will include helping the Commission to draw up the technical specifications for an invitation to tender and monitoring the preparation of the actual guidelines by the external contractor selected by the Commission. The remit of the group was also widened by the task of preparing a topic related to education and training for the next EU/US conference.

3.1.8 Guide on Optical Radiation

The Advisory Committee adopted the remit for this group on 23 November 2006. Its task was to monitor the preparation of a guide to good practice for implementation of Directive 2006/25/EC on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (artificial optical radiation).
The group met four times in 2008 in order to prepare the guide in close cooperation with the contractor selected for this task and approved the final draft provided by the latter.

3.1.9 Guide on Mobile Construction

The Advisory Committee set up this working party on 22 March 2007 by written procedure. The task of this WP was 1) to assist the Commission in its work to prepare the technical specifications for the launch of an open invitation to tender with a view to developing a draft non-binding guide to help improve the practical application of Directive 92/57/EEC and 2) to assist the Commission in developing the draft guide by making contributions and participating in the monitoring meetings with the selected contractor, with a view to finding the most appropriate formulation, practical guidelines and advice, in particular for points where the application of the Directive could pose specific problems. The group met three times in 2008 in order to prepare the guide in close collaboration with the contractor and the work will continue in 2009.

3.1.10 Community Strategy implementation and Advisory Committee action programme

The task of this working party, which was set up on 21 June 2007, was to prepare a draft opinion for the Advisory Committee on the Community Strategy and the role and involvement of the Advisory Committee in its implementation, and present this opinion in the form of an Advisory Committee action programme. At the eleventh plenary meeting in November 2007, the Advisory Committee extended the remit of this working party to include the collection, and dissemination to ACSH members, of information on OSH strategies and programmes already in place in the Member States, so as to encourage an exchange of views on national OSH strategies, and to report in 2008 to the Advisory Committee. The WP met five times to prepare for the first Workshop on National Strategies, which took place in October 2008 (see point 4.2).

3.1.11 Development of Implementation Reports' Structure

The remit of this working party, set up on 21 June 2007, was to prepare, in close cooperation with the Commission, a draft opinion for the Advisory Committee on the structure of, and the questionnaire for, the single report on the practical implementation of the health and safety directives to be drawn up by the Member States in accordance with Article 17a(1) of the Framework Directive 89/391/EEC, as amended by Directive 2007/30/EC. The WP met three times in 2008 and will continue its work in 2009.

3.1.12 Guide to the protection of workers in the fisheries sector sailing on vessels less than 15 m in length

The Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work set up this working party on 29 November 2007. Its task was to monitor the preparation of a non-binding guide by an external consultant to help improve the application of directives on the protection of the safety and health of workers in the fisheries sector sailing on vessels less than 15 m in length. The group met twice to prepare the call for tenders which was launched in 2008, but no bids were received, it was re-launched in 2009.

3.1.13 Guide to the protection of workers in agriculture and forestry

The Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work set up this working party on 29 November 2007. Its task was to monitor the preparation of a non-binding guide by an external consultant to help improve the application of directives on the protection of workers in agriculture and forestry. The working party met twice to prepare the call for tenders, which was launched in 2008 and a contractor was selected. The work of the group has continued in 2009.

3.2 Working parties set up in 2008

The Committee set up two new working parties in 2008, for which it also adopted the corresponding mandates. The mandates for two existing working parties were revised.

3.2.1 WP Evaluation of OSH Directives

The task of this working party, which was set up on 29 May 2008, was to prepare a draft opinion with a view to developing a common methodology to evaluate the OSH Directives, which could be based, inter alia, on the results of the pilot evaluation

exercise conducted by the German Council Presidency in 2006 on Directive 90/270/EEC ("display screens"). The working party would be given the task of following up on a new evaluation project concerning Directive 89/654/EEC ("workplaces").

3.2.2 WP Community Initiatives in the Area of Prevention of Work-related Musculoskeletal Disorders (WRMSDs)

In accordance with the priority set in the Commission Communication on a new Community Strategy on OSH for the period 2007-2012, the remit of this WP, set up on 29 November 2008, would be to assist the Commission in the development of new Community initiatives to improve prevention of WRMSDs at European level, in particular with a view to possible preparation of a draft proposal for a new individual directive on the minimum safety and health requirements for prevention of WRMSDs and improvement of ergonomics at the workplace. Based on draft documents provided by the Commission, the WP would prepare an ACSH opinion in 2009 on the content of these initiatives.

3.2.3 Revised mandate of the WP "Education & Training"

The mandate of this WP was adopted in November 2005 and was extended and at the plenary meeting of November 2006 to entrust it with the drafting of general guidelines on the knowledge and skills required to the main actors of OSH. In 2008 the WP decided to assign the preparation of the guidelines to an external contractor to be selected by the Commission via call for tenders and to concentrate its work on the preparation of one of the topics selected for the next EU-US joint conference on OSH. The mandate of the WP was revised accordingly on 29 May 2008.

3.2.4 Revised mandate of the WP "Electromagnetic fields"

The remit of this WP assigned it the task of helping the Commission to prepare a practice guide for the implementation of Directive 2004/40/EC. Since the adoption of this Directive, a number of MS had voiced their concerns at the unintended effects of the Directive on the use of certain medical procedures using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Misinterpretation of certain provisions of the Directive could lead to problems with its implementation in other fields and solutions needed to be found before the transposition deadline expired, this having been extended to 30 April 2012 under Directive 2008/46/EC. This second revision and extension of the mandate meant that the WP would continue to help the Commission in its search for appropriate solutions to the problem of the unintended repercussions on other medical and industrial procedures of the exposure limit values laid down in the Directive. The revised mandate was adopted on 29 May 2008.

4. COOPERATION WITH OTHER BODIES

4.1 Legal framework

In compliance with Article 2(3) of Council Decision 2003/C 218/01 and Article 24 of its Rules of Procedure, the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work cooperates on an ongoing basis with other bodies involved in occupational safety and

health at European level, in particular with the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, the Senior Labour Inspectors Committee and the Scientific Committee for Occupational Exposure Limits to Chemical Agents.

This cooperation includes the exchange of information on work programmes and activity reports, the participation of observers in the plenary meetings of the Advisory Committee, and the organisation — where appropriate — of joint initiatives in the field of safety and health at work.

In accordance with Article 2(2)(g) of Council Decision 2003/C 218/01, the Committee gives an opinion on the annual programme and rotating four-year programme of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work.

In accordance with Article 6(6) of Council Decision 2003/C 218/01, the Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, the Director of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions and a representative of each interest group in the member countries of the European Economic Area are invited to attend the plenary meetings of the Committee as observers.

A representative of the International Labour Office (ILO) is also invited to meetings of the Committee.

4.2 Special activities in 2008

A workshop addressing the technical and political implications related to the development of national OSH strategies was organised by the Commission's Directorate-General for Employment and Social Affairs (DG EMPL) in collaboration with the Advisory Committee and its WP "Community Strategy and Action Programme".

The workshop was divided into three panel discussions: 1) "Creating a national strategy – tips and techniques", 2) "Defining objectives, key actions and tools", and 3) "Measuring success of OSH strategies".

The workshop provided a forum for the exchange of information and expertise. All members of the ACSH were invited together with policy and technical professionals, who contributed to the debate. It was decided to organise another Workshop in 2009.

4.3 Bilateral EU/US cooperation on occupational safety and health

Cooperation between the European Union and the US on safety and health at work has been developing successfully since the 1995 New Transatlantic Agenda in the form of ongoing dialogue and exchanges of information, including the organisation of several biannual conferences since 1998.

In this context, the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work has functioned as the official tripartite forum for coordination and consultation on the EU side. The

6th EU/US Joint Conference on Occupational Safety and Health which should have taken place in autumn 2009 has been postponed to 2010.

ANNEX A

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COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE IN 2008
Situation as at 31/12/2008

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ANNEX C

2008 Timetable

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		Non-Government	Government
29/01/2008	ACSH WP Chemicals at the Workplace	8	4
30/01/2008	ACSH WP EMF	8	4
31/01/2008	ACSH WP Optical radiation	8	4
12/02/2008	ACSH WP User Guides	10	5
19/02/2008	ACSH WP Mobile Construction	8	4
21/02/2008	ACSH BUREAU	5	1
04/03/2008	ACSH WP Guide Fisheries	8	4
05/03/2008	ACSH WP Guide Agriculture & Forestry	8	4
06/03/2008	ACSH WP Strategy & Action Programme	8	4
11/03/2008	ACSH WP EMF/IRM Expert Group	2	1
11/03/2008	ACSH SCOREBOARD	11	
12/03/2008	ACSH SCOREBOARD	11	
13/04/2008	ACSH Education & Training	8	4
01/04/2008	ACSH WP Implementation reports	8	4
02/04/2008	ASCH IG Governmental	28	
03/04/2008	ACSH IG Workers		28
04/04/2008	ACSH WP EMF	8	4
10/04/2008	ACSH Videoconference EU-US	5	1
16/04/2008	ACSH WP Chemicals at the Workplace	8	4
17/04/2008	ACSH IG Employers		28

Dates	Title of meeting	Participants	
		Non-Government	**Government**
18/04/2008	ACSH IG Employers		28
22/04/2008	ACSH BUREAU	5	1
23/04/2008	ACSH WP SWP	10	5
24/04/2008	ACSH WP Mobile Construction	8	4
30/04/2008	ACSH WP Guide Agriculture & Forestry	8	4
07/05/2008	ACSH WP Guide Fisheries	8	4
08/05/2008	ACSH WP Community Strategy	8	4
20/05/2008	ACSH WP EMF	8	4
27/05/2008	ACSH WP Guide Optical Radiation	8	4
28/05/2008	ACSH IGs	56	28
29/05/2008	ACSH Plenary	56	28
13/06/2008	ACSH WP User Guides	8	4
17/06/2008	ACSH WP Community Strategy	8	4
18/06/2008	ACSH WP Education & Training	8	4
04/09/2008	ACSH WP Community Strategy	8	4
08/09/2008	ACSH WP Guide Hospital Sector	2	1
09/09/2008	ACSH WP Implementation reports	8	4
10/09/2008	ACSH WP Education & Training	8	2
17/09/2008	ACSH WP Guide Optical Radiation	8	2
24/09/2008	ACSH EU-US Videoconference	5	1
25/09/2008	ACSH WP Mobile Construction	3	2
30/09/2008	ACSH WP SWP	10	5
01/10/2008	ACSH IG Governmental		28

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02/10/2008	ACSH WP User Guides	8	4
08/10/2008	IG Workers	28	
09/10/2008	ACSH Workshop National Strategies	56	28
14/10/2008	ACSH IG Employers	28	
15/10/2008	ACSH WP Chemicals at the Workplace	8	4
16/10/2008	ASCH WP EMF	8	4
28/10/2008	ACSH BUREAU	5	1
11/11/2008	ACSH WP User Guides	8	4
13/11/2008	ACSH WP Community Strategy	8	4
21/11/2008	ACSH Guide Optical Radiation	8	4
26/11/2008	ACSH IGs	56	28
27/11/2008	ACSH Plenary	56	28
09/12/2008	ACSH WP Guide Hospital Sector	2	1
10/12/2008	ACSH WP Implementation Reports	8	4