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UKOPA/10/0043

Dear Member,

Please see email below from Lindsey Bennett of the HSE relating to an amended definition of gasoline. Peter Davis is coordinating responses on behalf of UKOPA and has requested that Members send him any comments by 20th September so that he may submit a response on behalf of the Association by the due date.

Regards,

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Dear all,

Following analysis of responses to the consultation on proposed amendments to the Pipelines Safety Regulations, HSE have now made refinements to some of the amendments. HSE would like to give stakeholders the opportunity to comment on these further amendments, which will be outlined in a summary of responses to the consultation. This summary will be published on the HSE website within the next week or so and you will be notified by email when this is available.

One of the amendments that required further work is the definition of gasoline. HSE is offering stakeholders who provided responses on this area advance sighting of the new proposed definition as the timescale for providing comments on the summary is quite tight (Friday 24 September).

Definition of gasoline

The responses from stakeholders demonstrated that there is broad agreement to gasoline being classified as a dangerous fluid and included in Schedule 2 of PSR. However, stakeholders felt that the previous proposed definition was not suitable as it did not provide clarity about what is and isn't included in the scope of PSR. The narrow scope of the Buncefield recommendation has made producing a definition of gasoline extremely challenging. HSE has now modified the original gasoline definition after considering the consultation responses and further discussion with HSE technical experts to:

“gasoline” means a fluid which –

- (a) is liquid at 15°C and 1013.25 millibars;*
- (b) when tested in accordance with Part A9 of the Annex to the Directive has a flashpoint (as defined in that part) of less than 21°C; and*
- (c) can be used or blended for use as a fuel for motor vehicles*

“the Directive” means Commission Directive 92/69 EEC adapting to technical progress for the seventeenth time and Council Directive 67/548/EEC on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances”.

HSE now welcomes your further comments on the modification to the definition of gasoline that was originally consulted on.

The above information has been lifted directly from the summary document. You can respond using the contact information in that document, or alternatively you can reply directly to me. Should you wish to discuss, please contact myself or Karen McDonough on 0151 951 3186/3308 respectively.

Kind regards
Lyndsey

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