



TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE TYRE AND RUBBER INDUSTRIES SAFETY ACTION GROUP (TRISAG)

Raison d'être

TRISAG has been created to be a tripartite body to advance standards of health, safety and welfare in the tyre and rubber industries. TRISAG comprises, and delivers through, both a steering committee and working-level groups.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee to comprise: senior representatives of the BRPPA, BTMA, NTDA, RMA and TRA (one person each); national representatives of Unite and the GMB (one person each), and two representatives of HSE. (Note: the ITMA will be a "corresponding member" of TRISAG to recognise its relatively limited interests). The HSE members will initially assume the roles of Chair and Secretary. The Steering Committee will meet twice per year.

The role of the Steering Committee is to set the strategic direction for TRISAG's work, direct priorities, identify and secure resources, provide oversight of Working Group activity, and monitor progress with the TRISAG programme of work. The Chairs of the respective working groups will be invited to attend steering group meetings to report on progress with work plans.

Steering Committee members are permitted to occasionally send a competent reserve to meetings, and the Committee may seek inputs from relevant experts as appropriate (attending as guests or observers).

Working Groups (and Task and Finish Groups)

There will be two "standing" Working Groups, one focused on health and safety in manufacturing premises, and the other on health and safety in distribution, use and recovery environments. Trade Associations are free to participate in just those Working Groups dealing with topics relevant to them. Trades Union and HSE participation is invited to both Working Groups.

Involvement in the TRISAG Working Groups does not preclude any Trade Association from pursuing other topics in a direct bilateral relationship with HSE, or with the Trades Unions, or in conjunction with other industry bodies.

In addition to the TRISAG Working Groups, TRISAG may create Task and Finish Groups to deal with issues outside or across the remits of the Working Groups.

It is envisaged that the groups will work with a high degree of autonomy from the steering committee in how they progress their business to deliver planned outputs and outcomes in the most efficient and relevant manner possible. They will be free to invite the best-qualified people to contribute to deliver particular outcomes.

Where there is common ground with other sectors (e.g. motor vehicle repair, logistics, etc), the Group is free to invite appropriate participation from these other sectors. These Groups will provide reports on their progress for each meeting of the Steering Committee.

Future review and evolution

The organisational arrangements outlined above are not considered to be set in stone, but rather as the starting point for an ongoing development. The operation of this approach will be reviewed in 12 months in order to improve its performance, if appropriate.