



## THE POLYURETHANE ELASTOMER GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

### OBJECTIVE

To promote and represent the interests of the Polyurethane Elastomer Industry in the UK involved in the manufacture and supply of polyurethane elastomeric products.

### CONSTITUTION

- (a) Membership of the Committee shall be drawn from the Ordinary and Associate Membership of the British Rubber and Polyurethane Products' Association Ltd (BRPPA) as defined in their Memorandum and Articles of Association..
- (b) The Chairman shall be elected by the Committee for a period of three years, and shall be eligible for re-election at the end of that period.
- (c) Working Parties and Technical Committees shall be formed as and when necessary.
- (d) Visitors, who are not members of BRPPA, may be invited to attend meetings when subjects in their field are under discussion, or when they are considering membership. In the case of visitors who are considering membership the number of meetings is limited to two.

### MAIN ACTIVITIES

- (a) To act as a forum for the exchange of views on matters of interest to the Polyurethane Elastomer Industry.
  - (b) To identify areas of concern to the Polyurethane Elastomer Industry and to determine the strategy required to overcome those concerns.
  - (c) To liaise, via BRPPA, with UK Government, especially the Health & Safety Executive, the Department of Trade & Industry and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) on relevant matters.
  - (d) To liaise, via BRPPA, with other UK and European Industry Trade Associations, on relevant matters requiring a European approach.
  - (e) To liaise, via BRPPA, with the US Polyurethane Manufacturers' Association (PMA) and similar organisations worldwide on relevant matters requiring a global solution.
  - (f) To assist, via the BRPPA, the British Standards Institution (BSI) in the review of existing or preparation of new standards for polyurethane materials or polyurethane elastomeric products at National, European or World levels.
  - (g) To liaise with UK regulatory bodies, such as the Health and Safety Executive, the Environment Agency and European Commission to represent the interests of the industry in the management of health, safety and environment.
  - (h) To represent the interests of the industry on HS&E consultative fora such as Tyre and Rubber Industry Safety Action Group and its associated Working Group 1.
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- (i) To provide advice and assistance to members in improving the management of health, safety and environmental functions of their businesses.
  - (j) To nominate or appoint representatives to meetings, conferences, committees and other occasions where the technical or commercial interest of the Polyurethane Elastomer Industry are involved.
  - (k) To provide a means of regular contact between representatives of the industry and BRPPA officers.
  - (l) To encourage the use of polyurethane elastomers by issuing promotional leaflets and/or other publicity materials promoting their advantages, as and when necessary.
  - (m) To give advice, via the Secretary, to BRPPA members and non-members on matters affecting the polyurethane elastomer industry.
  - (n) To produce and revise, when considered appropriate by members of the committee, a brochure which gives users a better understanding of the properties and technology of polyurethanes so that they can co-operate with the manufacturers in getting the right polyurethane for their requirement.
  - (o) To specifically exclude consideration or discussions on any matters which could be construed as being in conflict with the UK or EEC competition laws/rules.
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