

**HSENI PROPOSALS IN RELATION TO FIVE HEALTH AND SAFETY APPROVED CODES OF PRACTICE (ACOPS) IN RELATION TO DIVING AT WORK – ANALYSIS AND SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES AND HSENI COMMENTS**

1. This is a summary report of the outcome of the HSENI’s formal, statutory consultation on proposals to approve for use in Northern Ireland the following updated ACOPS published by the Health and Safety Executive in Great Britain: Commercial diving projects offshore; Commercial diving projects inland/inshore; Recreational diving projects; Media diving projects; Scientific and archaeological diving projects.

2. The consultation document was published on the HSENI website and ran from 4 February 2015 to 1 April 2015. Letters were issued to approximately 600 consultees inviting comments on the proposals, costs relevant to Northern Ireland and the conclusion that the proposals would have no adverse effect on section 75 groups. The details of the five responses received are set out in the table below:

<b>Date Rec'd</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>HSENI Response</b>
06.02.15	Transport NI	Nil return	HSENI notes the response
11.02.15	Labour Relations Agency	No Comment	HSENI notes the response
24.02.15	Police Federation NI	No issues to raise	HSENI notes the response
26.03.15	Maritime and Coastguard Agency	No comment	HSENI notes the response
01.04.15	South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	No comment	HSENI notes the response