

**HSENI PROPOSALS IN RELATION TO TWO HEALTH AND SAFETY APPROVED CODES OF PRACTICE (ACOPS) – “SAFE WORK IN CONFINED SPACES” (L101) AND “SAFE USE OF LIFTING EQUIPMENT” (L113) – ANALYSIS AND SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES AND HSENI COMMENTS**

1. This is a summary report of the outcome of the HSENI’s formal, statutory consultations on proposals to approve for use in Northern Ireland updated ACOPs on “Safe work in confined spaces” and “Safe use of lifting equipment” published by the Health and Safety Executive in Great Britain and to withdraw approval for the previous version of the ACOP in relation to “Safe use of lifting equipment” in addition to the Northern Ireland ACOP “Safe Work in Confined Spaces in Northern Ireland”.
2. The consultation document was published on the HSENI website and ran from 21 June 2016 to 31 August 2016. Letters were issued to approximately 500 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 responses received to the two consultations are set out in the tables below:

**Consultation on revised Approved Code of Practice (ACOP): Safe work in confined spaces: Confined Spaces Regulations 1997 (L101)**

<b>Date Rec'd</b>	<b>Consultee</b>	<b>Summary of Comments</b>	<b>HSENI Response</b>
22.06.16	Labour Relations Agency	No comment	HSENI notes the response
28.06.16	Police Federation for Northern Ireland	No comment	HSENI notes the response
18.07.16	Transport NI	Nil return	HSENI notes the response
08.08.16	The Law Society of Northern Ireland	No comment	HSENI notes the response
09.08.16	Disability Action	No views	HSENI notes the response
30.08.16	John Barrett Fire Safety	Suggested amendments of three types were given:	HSENI satisfied issues

	Trainer	<p><u>1. Clarification/amendment of existing text:</u> Affected paragraphs: 1, 2, 6, 13, 25, 26, 34, 35, 101, 150, 152, 164, 194</p> <p><u>2. Deletion of text:</u> Affected paragraph: 99</p> <p><u>3. New paragraphs within/about:</u> Cold conditions, Removal of residues, Isolation, RPE, Fire prevention, Rescue and resuscitation equipment, Health and Entry into a confined space (definition)</p>	already addressed in ACoP and guidance, or would be considered by competent person during assessment
31.08.16	South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust	No comment	HSENI notes the response

**Consultation on revised Approved Code of Practice (ACOP): Safe use of lifting equipment (L113)**

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