

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATIONS

This is a summary report of the outcome of the HSENI's consultation on proposals to approve for use in Northern Ireland the revised Approved Codes of Practice, published by the Health and Safety Executive in Great Britain, listed below:

“Control of substances hazardous to health (Sixth edition, 2013, L5)”

“Legionnaires’ disease: The control of legionella bacteria in water systems (Fourth edition, 2013, L8)”

“Safety in the installation and use of gas systems and appliances (Fourth edition, 2013, L56)”

“Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres: Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002. Approved Code of Practice and guidance (Second edition, 2013, L138)”

The consultation document was published on the HSENI website and ran from 24 January 2014 to 21 April 2014. 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 5 responses received are set out in the table below:

Date Rec'd	Consultee	Comments	HSENI Response
29.01.14	Labour Relations Agency	No comment	HSENI notes the response
07.02.14	Disability Action	No particular views	HSENI notes the response
26.02.14	Southern Health and Social Care Trust*	- Review of the ACOP is welcomed as it is a useful reference and guidance tool for maintaining compliance with the COSHH (NI) 2003 Regulations - The wording of the proposed ACOP is much clearer, with the guidance sections being more comprehensive than before which is helpful when applying the legislation within the Trust.	HSENI notes the response

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The impact of the revised ACOP will have no adverse effect on how the Trust continues to meet its statutory obligation under COSHH and will not impact on Section 75 groups - Regulation 2: As the ACOP is used as a reference document, it would be beneficial to show the Classification of substances from Table 3.2 of Part 3 Annex VI of the CPL Regulations as the actual hazard pictogram in the guidance section, rather than just a text reference to the CPL regulations. 	
10.3.14	Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concur that the changes simplify and clarify the text - Don't know of any reason why the proposed changes would have an effect on any Section 75 groups in NI - Do not see any benefit in removing Part 2 the technical guidance and publishing it separately as HSG 274 	HSENI notes the response
17.04.14	Association of Personal Injury Lawyers*	<p>The APIL provided a copy of its August 2013 response to the HSE consultation on the proposed revised COSHH ACOP.</p> <p>The APIL had commented that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -it was pleased to note that examples were provided throughout the revised ACOP but that the removal of some of the detail in the redrafted ACOP may lead to a fall in the standard of compliance 	HSENI notes the response

*Commented on COSHH ACOP only