

COSSH STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSSH) Regulations 1988 impose statutory duties on employers and employees. To enable these statutory duties to be carried out this Organisation is committed, so far as is reasonably practicable, to safeguard the health of its employees and other persons who may be exposed to substances hazardous to health caused by its work activities.

1 Where work is liable to expose employees to any substance hazardous to health it is the intention of our Organisation, so far as is reasonably practicable, to ensure that:

- (a) A suitable and sufficient assessment of the risks to health and of the steps necessary to comply with the Regulations is carried out.
- (b) Exposure is prevented or, where this is not reasonably practicable, adequately controlled to minimise the risk to health.
- (c) Any control measures provided are properly used, effectively maintained, periodically examined and, if appropriate, tested.
- (d) Monitoring exposure is carried out in appropriate cases.
- (e) Where appropriate health surveillance will be undertaken.
- (f) Suitable and sufficient information, instruction and training is provided.
- (g) The assessment is reviewed, as and when necessary, following liaison with IRPC Occupational Hygiene Consultants. Any changes will be communicated to the affected employees.

2 It shall be the duty of every employee at work to:

- (a) Make full and proper use of any control measures, including personal protective equipment and to report any defects therein to his/her Manager.
 - (b) Present him/herself during working hours for health surveillance procedures and when under medical surveillance provide such information concerning his/her health as the employment medical adviser or appointed doctor may reasonably require.
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