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A warm welcome from OUR EDITOR!

It's a warm welcome to the Summer edition of UKATA Matters. I hope that at this time of year we can enjoy some sunny, drier weather and while we can never be sure of what our climate will bring, I can certainly assure you that the UKATA team have been extremely busy ensuring the Association continues to remain the industry leader, embarking on a new phase of growth and promotional activities designed to secure our brand, helping to bring business to you, our members.

Since its introduction, the Association's glossy magazine has proved hugely popular and we have been met with requests to make it a more regular occurrence. Whilst for the moment our current publication schedule for UKATA Matters does not allow for that, we understand the view of members for more regular news. In between the main publication, and the popular Regional Meetings and Mini Matters – an electronic newsletter – will be another great way to find out how we are working on your behalf, air your views and raise questions. Please see our report on the latest round of Regional Meetings inside.

I hope you have already booked your place for the forthcoming UKATA AGM & Conference (the first since the switch to the East Midlands, Radisson Blu). We have had a record number of delegates already booked, however, it's not too late to book your place. Please contact the UKATA office for details. This year you are also invited to meet the UKATA Team & the Board of Directors at a buffet and drinks reception on the Thursday evening prior to the AGM & Conference, at the Radisson Blu Hotel.

I am delighted to report that UKATA membership continues to increase and we have a record number of member applications pending. We will certainly be looking to capitalise on this interest at the Safety and Health EXPO in conjunction with the IOSH Conference, this year at London's Excel from 17th to 19th June – come and see us on stand R2100.

With the launch of CPD for our Professional Membership (Training Providers) well underway, this further demonstrates our commitment to setting and maintaining the very highest standards. Along with Professional Membership we are re-launching Corporate, Associate and Affiliate Memberships designed to widen our public profile.

I hope you enjoy this issue. If you have any comments or suggestions for future UKATA Matters, the team and I welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Yours sincerely
Jacqui Royall

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Reflecting on the first five years 2008-2013

Prior to 2008 the HSE held a list of Asbestos Training Providers known as the ATPWG (Asbestos Training Providers' Working Group). The need to raise standards of training within the asbestos industry was widely acknowledged and the formation of a trade association was suggested, which is how and why UKATA began.

The inaugural meeting of UKATA was held in September, 2007 with 41 of the 50 training providers on the ATPWG list agreeing to join. In January 2008 the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) passed the responsibility for managing the list of training providers for licensed asbestos work to UKATA.



UKATA's remit was to set standards, audit and manage the list of asbestos training providers, going forward. In future, if training had not been provided by a UKATA member, enforcing officers may ask asbestos license holders to demonstrate how Chapter 4 of the Licensed Contractors' Guide had been complied with.

Previously, HSE had provided a list of known asbestos training providers as a service to individuals looking for asbestos training. HSE did not approve any training provider's status and merely directed enquirers to the training providers list. In January 2008 HSE formally tasked UKATA, as the single organisation to monitor training standards amongst its members.

Peter Robinson was the first Chairman of UKATA and at the time announced:

"We will build on the work that HSE started with the list of asbestos training providers. Initially, I see the role of UKATA being to undertake a thorough audit of all members and raise the profile of the association to key stakeholders. Ultimately, this association will provide the benchmark of standards that asbestos training providers will have to achieve and maintain...I want to include competent training providers in these areas into the association as early as possible so that the whole issue of sub-standard asbestos training is tackled."

UKATA began trading in January, 2008 in Darlington, moving in August 2008 to Markham Vale Environment Centre in Chesterfield thus providing excellent links around the UK via the M1 motorway route.

During 2008 new applicants applying for membership of UKATA were subject to the

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auditing procedures and Rules of Membership set during the formation of UKATA. Existing members who transferred from the HSE's established list of training providers were audited during early 2009 to ensure they also met the requirements set by UKATA.

By the end of 2009 UKATA had 77 members, all audited to the standard set by UKATA. During consequent

years each member would present each of their asbestos training courses, until all had been audited on a 'rolling programme' basis.

In 2011 UKATA launched the Certificate Generator which has proved to be an excellent asset, providing members with a bespoke UKATA certificate and strengthening the UKATA brand within the asbestos training industry.

In 2012, due to increased staffing numbers and ever growing membership, UKATA moved to the larger Unit 7 at Markham Vale Environment Centre, which has since been established as the Registered Office.

Membership currently stands at 163 members with a total of 26 applications pending, which is a true indication that UKATA is indeed growing from strength to strength.

Here's to the next 5 years and beyond.



2020 VISION

THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND BEYOND

Since the five year milestone was reached in 2013, plans are now in place for the next five years and well beyond.

UKATA is the first to admit that mistakes have been made, mainly due to innocence and naivety of working within the constraints of an 'Association'. Wheels have not turned as quickly as members would have hoped and marketing certainly has not historically been one of the strong points.

This is already changing.

'What is UKATA doing for its members'?

In our defence the first five years have been taken up with UKATA's commitment to set and continually improve and maintain higher standards for asbestos training. Unfortunately there is no 'instant fix', which the majority of members understand and support wholeheartedly.

Decisions are made collectively by a Board of Directors, all volunteers, each with their own management style. They bring a diverse

wealth of knowledge to the table, as well as offering their valuable time voluntarily for the good of the Association. It is a phenomenal commitment which some members find very difficult to comprehend. This is simply how it is.

Proposed changes take time to deliberate, consider, approve and action which explains why sometimes it is impossible to proceed at the rate which initially appears to be achievable.

THE PRESENT

UKATA is preparing for a 'first' by attending the Safety and Health Expo at the London's Excel, from 17-19th June. This has meant a massive commitment by the Development and Marketing Team and the Directors involved with the project. The Office Team is also offering valuable support over and above their normal working routine to help make this 'happen'.

We are all excited by the prospect of attending such a prestigious event. To name but a few; raising the profile of what UKATA stands for; promoting members by handing out member directories; displaying member information on the trade stand. Three new categories of membership will also be launched at the event, Corporate, Associate and Affiliate encouraging involvement and support from the wider industry.

THE FUTURE

The next five years and beyond will be a time of great change. UKATA is in a good financial position, in no small part due to the introduction of the Certificate Generator.

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As the 'wise man' on the Board often says: 'We are a very young Association, still very much in its infancy.'

I for one would like to be a 'fly on the wall' in twenty years' time!'

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This allows the Board to plan effectively with confidence knowing that there is financial security to support proposed strategies.

The UKATA Office Team continues to work tirelessly for the benefit of its members. The Board will shortly be looking to employ a further one or two members of staff via the Government apprenticeship scheme. As well as offering employment to the youth of today, UKATA staff will be offering valuable experience in the workplace by sharing their wide ranging skills.

Members are welcome to contact the Team, who are always willing to help as far as they possibly can. Most members know that everyone in the office is approachable and are aware that no problem is too small, no enquiry inconsequential. The Team are proud of the service they are able to offer members and long may it continue!

Gill Lewis
Executive Secretary

Asbestos News

Firms still not getting the message on asbestos

Another UKATA Matters and yet the stream of cases against companies and individuals prosecuted for asbestos safety breaches seems never ending.

We have picked a selection of the most recent which best illustrate the ongoing problem, but the sad fact is that until we can finally have a UKATA Matters where there are none of these to report or where there are just isolated events, both UKATA and our members still have a great deal of work to do. We must continue to get the message out there that asbestos is dangerous and there is no excuse for failing to ensure employees have the proper training when coming into contact with it.

Other cases are constantly coming through where developers are using non-licensed and untrained contractors to deal with a highly dangerous material like asbestos.

There are many dedicated and highly skilled contractors in this country who are experts at removing asbestos safely. It is deeply disturbing to keep hearing in this day and age that there are still companies who choose to put people's lives at risk, by not taking advantage of the expertise so readily available.

Blatant bodge by building firm in Battersea

Yet another construction firm has been caught completely disregarding the regulations put in place to protect workers from lethal asbestos fibres.

Redwood Contractors Ltd was ordered to pay fines of £10,000 and £2,857, after pleading guilty to two separate breaches of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006.

The building company failed to highlight that asbestos insulating board (AIB) was present at a warehouse in Berkshire and allowed their workers to remove the asbestos without the correct protective equipment and adequate control measures, despite being in possession of a detailed asbestos survey that identified the location of the asbestos wall panels in the warehouse.

Despite severe warnings and the threat of hefty fines and even jail terms, companies continue to ignore the severe consequences of exposing their employees and the

public to asbestos. Unsafe handling of asbestos, when you aren't trained to do so, puts lives at risk.

The communication breakdown was identified by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), which has led to Redwood Contractors Ltd of Battersea Rise, London being prosecuted after investigating the contamination of the warehouse with asbestos, in December 2011.

The Health and Safety Executive has said, "The company is guilty of a clear oversight that may have compromised the future health and wellbeing of its workers. Everyone knows that asbestos is a potential killer, and the onus is on duty holders to implement proper control measures at all times when dealing with asbestos."

Not a pretty picture for Da Vinci in the South West

Bristol developer exposing public to asbestos may not be the last

Last month, Da Vinci Property Development Ltd was fined £10,000 for failing to protect their employees from the dangers of asbestos.

Three of the company's employees are known to have been exposed to the deadly dust responsible for thousands of deaths.



Time to give asbestos safety a lift in West Yorkshire?

Make sure you don't pay the price for poor asbestos management

A recent case at Bedlington Magistrates Court earlier last month found a care home and two lift installation companies guilty of breaching asbestos safety regulations and fined £22,000.

The fines that both the West Yorkshire care home and the building contractors paid followed a Health and Safety Executive (HSE) investigation, and were a consequence of ignorance of their duties to protect the health of staff and clients.

Health complications caused can include terminal mesothelioma and lung cancer, the effects of which lie dormant at the time of contact, before hitting the sufferer later in life with debilitating and often mortal effects.



Shocking findings in Coventry schools remind us of asbestos danger - Letter to Editors

Following shocking findings released recently, detailing how over half of Coventry's schools still contain asbestos, the UK Asbestos Training Association (UKATA) would like to remind all readers of the potential fatal consequences this material could cause.

50 of the 96 council run schools still contain this hazardous material and whilst the evidence does not pose an immediate risk to student and teacher's health, improper disposal of it could cause the onset of diseases such as terminal mesothelioma and lung

cancer some 30 years down the line.

The figures of this council report remind us that asbestos can be found in any building, including our very own workplaces and homes. Although not harmful if left undisturbed, it can cause issues if damaged

or degraded when fibres are inhaled after becoming airborne.

The hazardous substance was used extensively in building materials from the fifties right into the nineties, when the medical risks of the material became more apparent.

I am sure Head Teachers responsible for the schools affected are aware of the dangers of asbestos, but I would like to ensure that everyone knows about the potential risk in their homes and workplace.

*from Eddie Strong,
UKATA Chairman*

Regional Meetings follow up

The seven UK Regional Meetings in April and May proved again to be hugely popular with members. Back by popular demand, the seminars put asbestos training and safety firmly on the agenda and served as the perfect prelude to the July AGM.

The programme of three hour long events proved so successful last year, that UKATA were once again on the road updating members on the latest initiatives from the Association, while listening to members' views and opinions and answering questions.

"It was a pleasure to be involved in this round of Regional Meetings," said UKATA Acting General Manager Craig Evans. "This was my first experience of the meetings and Eddie (Strong) and I took a great deal from them and I hope members felt the same."

The meetings took place in Scotland, the North East, North, the Midlands, East, South East and the South West. The first meeting took place in Cambridge on 8 April, while the final event was in the South West on 1 May and these will not be the last.

Ukata would like to take this opportunity to thank members for the kind offer of the use of their premises for some of the Regional Meetings-if you could offer a venue in the future for these very worthwhile gatherings please contact the Ukata team.

"At the moment, we are planning to make these seasonal events," added Craig. "There will be some discussion at the AGM as to how members feel about a further schedule of meetings for Autumn and Winter. Decisions will be announced in future editions of UKATA matters, so watch this space."



Kings Lynn



Technical and Training

The first few months of 2014 have been an extremely busy, albeit positive time for UKATA. The Technical and Training Committee (T&T) has been working very hard on at least two major projects on behalf of members.

The development of the long overdue Category B Syllabus has taken a significant amount of time, as well as assisting with the revision of the Rules of Membership. T&T has also looked at projects for the future development of UKATA and will be formalising an action plan quite soon.

Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012, L143 (2nd edition) – Managing and Working with Asbestos

You will all be aware of the introduction of the new ACoP L143, (2nd edition), which was released in December 2013. The previous two ACoPs, L143 (Work with materials containing asbestos) and L127 (The management of asbestos in non-domestic premises) have been consolidated into this single revised ACoP. The ACoP has been revised to make legal compliance clearer to dutyholders and to reflect the changes introduced in The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012. All members should now be referring to the new ACoP and training material should have been amended to refer to the new document.

Category B Syllabus

The Category B syllabus, now referred to as Non-Licensable Works with Asbestos (Inc.

NNLW), was launched with an implementation date of 1st May 2014. Unfortunately this was launched slightly early as the Regional Meetings were still being undertaken, so this implementation date was temporarily suspended to allow members to air their views. The general consensus was that it was accepted by the members across the country. Comments were noted at the Regional Meetings and these have been referred back to T&T. We are currently looking at making some minor amendments to the syllabus. We have also taken the opportunity to request the HSE's opinion of this new syllabus, as it is a first for the asbestos training industry, based on the requirements laid down in CAR 2012, L143 (second edition) Managing and Working with Asbestos. The major change to members is the introduction of an additional half day. It was considered that all items stated in the ACoP, the previous standard of one day was seen as insufficient time to cover all aspects of the elements, and practical training was being shortened. Current statistics show that delegates on training courses retain 7% of the theory, but 57% of the practical element, hence the requirement for more emphasis on practical with regard to non-licensable works with asbestos.

Question Banks

We are currently looking at reviewing these, in light of the new ACoP, and redesigning the layout for ease of use, based on the modules required by the syllabus for the category of membership. Category A question bank was reformatted in 2013. Category B question bank is currently being reviewed and then onto Category C.

Duty to Manage

There has been a huge request from members for a Duty to Manage (DTM) UKATA syllabus, and also from the clients of training providers wishing to gain a recognised certificate generated by UKATA, endorsed with the UKATA brand and approval. T&T are currently finalising a new DTM syllabus and hope to have this ready for Members review and consultation at the AGM this year. T&T would ask all members to respond to the consultation and air

their views based on the draft syllabus. It is proposed that this will be open to all existing memberships, as an additional "bolt on", much like the E Learning which is currently added to existing members.

Tutor Testing

T&T, assisting the Membership Committee are close to finalising tutor testing and hope to have this rolled out to the membership soon. This has been a difficult subject to finalise, and with the introduction of Continued Professional Development (CPD), this will compliment CPD, ensuring that trainers are keeping abreast of the changes within the industry.

As you can see we have much work to do. We will continue to develop T&T ensuring greater standards are met and delivered to the asbestos, construction and other stakeholder industries.

*G O'Mahoney
Chair of T&T*



CPD goes live

In March UKATA's Directors approved the creation and implementation of its own Continuous Professional Development (CPD) framework, which went live at the beginning of June with immediate effect, following the Association's recognition of its importance in any successful training environment.

In doing so they have brought their safety training mechanics and standards in line with the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health, creating UKATA members a steadfast model that can be applied effectively in the everyday work environment.



The new framework, which works on a point scoring basis, will be similar to other industry specific CPD and will work alongside any existing training, but will now allow UKATA to manage, support and keep track of any development by using its own database. In its implementation, it recognises that initial qualification is merely the tip of the iceberg and the key to being a modern professional is the continued recognition of safety standards and new training methods resulting in occupational competency – something which will benefit not just individuals, but also their trainers, managers and employers both short and long term.

Speaking about UKATA CPD, Bob Bridge, Chair of the Standards Committee explained that he was pleased with the creation of the new framework and how it would be carried in a way

convenient for individuals, trainers and the organisation itself.

"Further to the consultation period, I am extremely pleased to announce that UKATA has now gone live with UKATA CPD," said Bob. "It works on a simple point scoring method, with clear criteria of how points can be gained and each individual should receive a total of 30 points over each three year period. With the implementation of our new website, CPD will be incredibly easy to update with a new members database keeping track of any UKATA event you attend, all counting towards your overall points tally.

All that the individual participating has to do is forward any proof of an activity that will benefit their overall score. These can include certificates gained through training courses, but if they prefer a paper format

to record CPD points, they will receive a hard copy of the framework though the post or through their employers."

Key principles of UKATA CPD

UKATA's design incorporates other industrial standards when it comes to CPD in its underpinning principles. The first being recognition that it should be taken on board by everyone – including trainers, assessors, verifiers and auditors – as a way of maintaining the standard and integrity of training and assessment, making it effective in the long term, with results being noticeable in overall asbestos safety and practice; the bottom line of which being greater respect for UKATA as a professional organisation and an overall reduction of asbestos related deaths.

Other key principles in the framework relate to general learning practices by setting easily identifiable goals that can be kept in mind, giving the individual something to work towards by asking basic goal and weakness identifying questions such as; What did you learn? How did your learning influence your practice? And what could you do better?

Another key principle is that each individual is in control and responsible for managing and undertaking their own CPD activities. They should ensure that they leave enough room to allow learning to be integrated into their professional practice. In order to do this it's important that each UKATA member undertaking the framework, recognises the importance of its role and appreciates the measures that each area of professional development requires in order to pass.

UKATA has now begun the registration process by asking member companies to register their trainers, so UKATA can add them to the database enabling them to begin the CPD process.

The specific criteria for each point is laid out in a simple marking grid within the CPD framework, but a number

A CPD year runs the same as the calendar year – January to December – and all development should be clearly documented, a factor that will be made easier when the new UKATA online system goes live. In addition to information provided by each individual, trainers and auditors are also required to submit comprehensive data as part of the annual declaration process; this will then be subject to a random audit carried out by UKATA.

Specific criteria of the CPD include four key areas; work placed activities, professional learning and education, conferences and presentations and the final area is horizon broadening activities.

The greatest weight is given to the first two development areas with a maximum of 12 points available for both, but informal learning is encouraged in the shape of the second two making up the 30 point total required.

The first area of CPD is marked on teaching, training, assessing, auditing and organisational skills with points gained for various internal or external training, chairing and running meetings, participation in meetings and voluntary work. Training ranges from 1 point for basic awareness of a subject to the audited delivery of a course. The professional learning area offers points for every UKATA approved course attended, but also rewards the reading and research of professional and specific publications and technical papers.

Speaking of the overall benefits, Bob Bridge said, "For individuals the new framework maintains skills and knowledge, keeping those that take it on board, sharp in the workplace with an improved professional competence, in turn making them more employable to further their career giving them an enhanced professional status and more credibility."

Yet, these benefits aren't just felt by individuals, as employers will see the results in the form of greater motivation, an improvement in productivity and as your organisation will be one thriving with employees with a professional outlook, it will only enhance your reputation as a service provider."



UKATA AGM

Set to be re-born on the 4th July

The UKATA 2014 Annual General Meeting and Conference will literally be taking off this year, with a change of venue to the Radisson Blu Hotel at East Midlands Airport, on Friday 4th July.

The formal agenda, together with confirmation of this year's keynote speakers is outlined below and the change of venue was announced early to give members and interested parties plenty of notice to book their place. If the last two conferences are anything to go by, the event will not disappoint, with the perfect mix of information, networking and educational processes all rolled into one.

Feedback from members and delegates last year has been taken into account in deciding to make the switch



to East Midlands Airport. The Radisson Blu Hotel fits in with the travel arrangements of members, delegates and conference speakers alike, so given the speakers, another great event is already eagerly anticipated.

Steadily growing in importance and popularity, the conference attracts the highest profile names from the asbestos industry and the world of health and safety to speak, with leading

lights from the HSE having lectured on topical issues at the last two conferences. The conference has also proved an excellent venue for members based throughout the UK to network and share best practice and the change of venue is intended to facilitate this process further.

A lot of water has passed under the bridge in terms of UKATA's activities since the last AGM, so there will be a great deal for members to

discuss and digest, while the conference that follows will bring everyone up to speed on the very latest in asbestos safety, standards and training.

The Association is looking forward to welcoming another bumper number of delegates to the keynote event in the UKATA promotional calendar, so make the date in your diary and we will see you there!

Agenda

09:30 - 10:00 Registration and Refreshments

10:00 - 11:00 AGM

11:00 - 11:30 Conference Registration and Refreshments

11:30 - 12:30 Key Note Speaker:

Professor Anthony Seaton - Lessons for the future of fibres from our experience with asbestos

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch and Networking

13:30 - 14:15 HSE:

Mr. Andrew Darnton - Asbestos-related disease in Great Britain: past, present and future

14:15 - 14:45 UKATA Director:

Professor Roger Willey - Asbestos in the environment based on the demolition of Red Rose Flats, Glasgow

14:45 - 15:00 Refreshments and Networking

15:00 - 15:20 British Lung Foundation:

Yvette Leavy - Presenting the current work being done by the British Lung Foundation and upcoming projects

15:20 - 15:50 CIRIA:

Joanne Kwan

CIRIA - Partnering with UKATA to launch new course: Asbestos Awareness in Soil and Made Ground

15:50 - 16:00 UKATA Chairman:

Eddie Strong - Closing remarks from the UKATA Chairman

FAQs: Transporting Hazardous Waste



One of the frequently asked questions by delegates on training courses is the issue of transporting hazardous waste. UKATA has received the following advice from Ian Gascoyne, Managing Director of 'Freightsafe Dangerous Goods Training Limited' who specialise in ADR* training.

Q Must all asbestos waste be transported by someone who holds a 'waste carriers licence'? (Situations arise where small businesses, typical soffit/facia replacement, may have an 'asbestos skip' at their depot but their operatives who are using company vans transport asbestos waste correctly packaged back to their depot. These vans may or may not have a bulkhead separating the driver from the area where goods are carried).

A Any waste that is generated as part of an industrial or commercial activity must be carried in a vehicle covered by an appropriate waste carriers licence. This will certainly be the case for a vehicle carrying asbestos waste arising from construction or demolition activities.

The vehicle must be suitable for the dangerous goods being carried. The HSE guidance confirms that Asbestos must be carried in a closed vehicle e.g. a van with a separate load area or alternatively a sealed and lockable skip. (ADR Packing Instruction P002, Special Provision PP37).

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This aspect of waste handling legislation still applies to waste arising from domestic activities just as it would for safely disposing of waste in a domestic rubbish bin.

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Q Is a householder able to transport asbestos waste in his own vehicle to a council tip where asbestos waste can be received? (What appears to be happening in certain situations is that individuals with non-licensed training are removing and packaging the waste and then having the householder transport the waste to their local council site because as a contractor they do not hold a license to transport the waste).

A The Dangerous Goods Regulations fall under the regulatory umbrella of the Health and Safety at Work Act and as such do not apply to the activities of private individuals carrying out domestic related work of their own accord. If this is clearly being done to get around the various Waste and Dangerous Goods Regulations, the receiving waste site is obliged to investigate further, the sites are not obliged to accept waste and in certain cases may decline receipt if there is any doubt as to the source or activity generating the waste.

It is the responsibility of the receiving site, in most cases a civic amenity site or possibly the licenced landfill site to ensure that the requirements of "Duty of Care" relating to waste handling activities are complied with.

Q Must vehicles transporting waste have external orange hazard placards fixed? (The understanding is that weight exemptions apply – 333kg for blue/brown and 1000kg for white, under these weights then no orange placard required).

A The HSE guidance on the carriage of asbestos defines a sealed skip as a "container" in the same context as a standard freight container.

ANY ASBESTOS CARRIED IN A SKIP OR SUITABLE VAN MUST BE SUITABLY PACKAGED, MARKED AND LABELLED - as shown overleaf...

FAQs: Transporting Hazardous Waste

It is not permitted under ADR to carry asbestos in bulk form i.e. not packaged. This is confirmed in ADR 3.2.1, Table A, there is no carriage in bulk instruction for either UN 2212 (Blue/Brown Asbestos) or UN2590 (White Bonded Asbestos).

As the asbestos is carried as Packaged Goods, the Load Thresholds as stated in in ADR 1.1.3.6.3 will apply.

UN2212, Blue / Brown Asbestos is assigned to Transport Category 2.

If the load exceeds 333kg the vehicle and load are fully in the scope of ADR and all the applicable regulations will apply.

UN2590, White Bonded Asbestos is assigned to Transport Category 3.

If the load exceeds 1000kg the vehicle and load are fully in the scope of ADR and all the applicable regulations will apply.

Requirements of ADR:

- ADR trained driver (Minimum core, packages & class 9)

- Orange boards front and rear
- Required capacity dry powder fire extinguishers dependant on the vehicle size (ADR 8.1.4.1)
- The vehicle must carry the "Driver Instructions in Writing" (ADR 5.4.3) and all the required PPE and miscellaneous vehicle equipment listed.
- Additionally, the HSE guidance requires a skip containing asbestos exceeding the load thresholds to display the Dangerous Goods Class 9 placards on all four sides.

In either case if the load is below the stated threshold the majority of ADR does not apply, such as the requirements:

- For the vehicle to display orange boards front and rear
- The skip to display the Dangerous Goods Class 9 placards on all four sides
- The vehicle does not have to be driven by an ADR trained driver

- The vehicle does not have to carry the safety and other equipment laid down in ADR

Certain requirements still remain such as:

- The asbestos must still be suitably packaged as per the packing instructions laid down in ADR.
- All packages must be correctly marked and labeled Special Provision 168:

Other Regulations:

The application of all other applicable Waste and Asbestos related legislation must be taken into account and complied with during the handling and carriage of Waste Asbestos and related materials.

This is a very basic explanation of the crossover and the requirements of the Dangerous Goods Regulations when applied to the carriage and handling of Waste Asbestos.

*ADR (formally, the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) is a 1957 United Nations treaty that governs transnational transport of hazardous materials. "ADR" is derived from the French name for the treaty: Accord européen relatif au transport international des marchandises Dangereuses par Route.)



Asbestos related diseases

not just an 'old man's' problem

The ITV soap, Emmerdale's latest storyline featuring a young girl diagnosed with Mesothelioma is welcome, as it helps organisations like UKATA challenge the commonly held view that asbestos related diseases like Mesothelioma is a thing of the past and an old man's disease - when thanks to asbestos, nothing could be further from the truth.

While thankfully rare for one so young as the Donna Windsor character (played by Verity Rushworth) to develop an asbestos related illness, this is because Mesothelioma usually takes decades to develop, but it can happen sooner and with no known cure, the illness is terminal.

Mesothelioma does not always come from exposure to asbestos, but with

estimates suggesting over 1.5 million buildings in the UK still contain asbestos, including schools, flats and as many as 50,000 farm structures, the Emmerdale storyline is relevant. Whilst it does not cause any harm left undisturbed, if damaged when removed during building work or when crumbling materials release asbestos dust, when inhaled it can be a killer.

Our hope is this storyline will bring greater awareness of asbestos and its related diseases to the general public, who need to think twice when attempting to remove asbestos from their own property and indeed tradespeople tempted to remove this substance without the necessary training.



New member visits

While UKATA exists to promote a very serious agenda, delivering this in a friendly and professional manner has always been an important part of the story of the Association. This is underscored by the fact that we endeavour to ensure all new members receive an introductory visit on successful completion of their application for membership.

Given the growth of the Association in recent years, it can be a challenge to reach everyone, yet this remains something that sets UKATA apart. UKATA Matters wanted to look in a little more detail at why this is so important to members and to explain the process to any prospective members out there unsure of the process.

The latest round of visits were conducted by Acting General Manager Craig Evans, together with Membership Secretary Debbie Nixon and as usual, the introductory meetings proved invaluable to the new member and UKATA alike, as they are an early opportunity to ask any questions and put names to faces as an essential way of making people feel right at home in the UKATA family.

During the visit, the annual membership process is explained and the benefits of being a member of UKATA are discussed in detail.

"It can all seem bewildering with paperwork and an application process to go through, so to be able to tell people face to face what they can expect in the early stages of their membership really helps," said Debbie. "It's a relaxed, informal arena to be able to inform new members about forthcoming events like the AGM plus invite them to the next round of Regional Meetings in their area."

In addition to this, the CPD process is explained, together with the development of tutor competency, while the value of the Certificate Generator

is discussed too. If there is time, a brief tutorial on how it works is gone through, including the adding of new trainers.

So what do these new members have to say about these visits? To date the response has always proved very positive. Many new members have pointed out that it is easier to think of points to discuss at an informal meeting and that such matters do not always occur in a more formal setting or during a telephone conversation.

Rather than single any new members out, some typical comments from the recent round of meetings last month include:

"It's always nice to put a face to a voice so the visit was a good introduction."

"I think it's very useful and beneficial to continue meeting new members and hear their initial points of view," said Craig Evans. "Regional Meetings and the AGM are great outlets for existing members to do this, but a more personal approach is something that can be lost in today's email world and the feedback we have received shows it is appreciated."

Going, going, gong!

Olympic effort: Lorraine Brown gets a gong and a Royal Garden Party!

Lorraine Brown, the Training Development, Health and Safety Manager at Expedient Training Services is celebrating after recently receiving the Voluntary Medical Medal of Service (VMS) for her 15 years as a Red Cross volunteer.

"I was lucky enough to spend 10 days doing first aid at the London Olympics in 2012 which I am very proud of," said Lorraine. "In fact, I even celebrated my wedding anniversary with my husband while on duty!"

To mark her medal, Lorraine is off to another special event –

and is going to London again on 12th June for the Red Cross Royal Garden party!

Held three times a year at Buckingham Palace during the summer months, The Royal Garden Parties are an opportunity for the royal family to meet a cross-section of British society and thank

them for various good deeds they have done. The emphasis is on rewarding the unsung heroes and heroines of British society. The Royal Family has strong connections with the Red Cross, including Her Majesty The Queen and the Prince of Wales, who took over the Queen Mother's role with the charity.



Well done Lorraine from all at UKATA Matters, looking forward to seeing some Royal photos!

Full of Eastern Promise UKATA Member expands in the Middle East

UKATA member 4See Group have now opened an office in the United Arab Emirates, and Kathryn O'Sullivan, Managing Director is now permanently based in UAE as the company goes from strength to strength.

Kathryn has been there since the beginning of 2014 and is working on developing opportunities for the Group across all their divisions.

4See Group are this year celebrating their 10th anniversary; having set up in a garage at the home of Chief Executive and Founder Mike Walker.

This is a real member's success story and they

are now based at a picturesque business park, just outside Towcester and employ around 60 staff.

As a UKATA member, 4See employs trainers, engineers, surveyors and environmental

management specialists. It's great to see member companies doing so well and if you would like your company's achievements and developments to feature in UKATA Matters, contact the Team at UKATA HQ.



Chief Executive and
Founder Mike Walker



Environmental sees essential growth recognised

Environmental Essentials Ltd is proud to announce they have won the business growth award at The Sentinel Business Awards. The Sentinel Business Awards rewards endeavour, enthusiasm and innovative thinking across a wide range of sectors.

More than 140 entries were received across 11 categories where a panel of expert judges had the difficult task of choosing just one winner in each category.

Currently celebrating their tenth anniversary, Environmental Essentials have grown to employ over 190 people, across 6 regional offices, with 30 full time positions created and 2 new office locations in Surrey and Chesterfield opened in the first quarter of 2014. With plans to open another branch in Bristol in the near future, there are no signs of the

company's growth slowing down, they have achieved this significant growth as a result of the continual investment in infrastructure, equipment and staff development since the firm's formation in 2004.

"This year has been particularly exciting for us," said Environmental Essentials Director Richard Powner. "We have secured work as consultants to two large retailers and a large pub restaurant chain, and it looks as if there's lots of exciting things to come."



More than 420 of the most influential people in business gathered at the Kings Hall (Stoke-on-Trent) to acknowledge the effort being made across North Staffordshire and South Cheshire to ensure a prosperous future for the region.

This new prestigious award sponsored by Dains Accountants & Business Advisor's was awarded to the business that demonstrated future or actual growth in financial terms through

product development, market development, people development and through sales and marketing initiatives.

"Everyone here at Environmental Essentials feels incredibly proud to have won this award, which is testament to the continued hard work and contribution towards the growth and success of the business shown by all of our employees," added Richard Powner.

Training and Safety Consultants Limited A Category C training provider

Mike Anderson is looking to retire, but wishes his legacy to continue.

TASC was formed in 2005 to specialise in the provision of asbestos removal training to the industry. Mike Anderson the founder and business principal of TASC has been involved with the asbestos removal industry since 1985.

TASC was one of the founder members of UKATA and the first ever board meeting when the first Chairman was voted in was at the TASC facilities in Cheshire, close to Manchester Airport.

UKATA currently has 11 members who offer the Category C level of

training required to work with friable and therefore licensable products, the trade associations make up the majority of others who are recognised.

"I am looking to retire so this will be reduced even further but I am looking for someone out there, and there must be somebody more than capable to take on board the good reputation that TASC has created over the last 9 or 10 years to take on board my business. I am more than happy to continue for a period of time to provide a seamless handover, and



even provide training for a couple of days as either a freelance or an employee if necessary." He went on to add, "there will be a premium to pay for the business but this is minimal in real terms, and most of the figure I am looking to recover is already on the balance sheet of the business by way of asset,

both debtor and tangible physical equipment etc."

If you as either an individual or in fact a current member or training body are interested then please contact Mike on 07825 304008, or by email to mike.anderson@tasconsultants.co.uk

9/11 - 14 years on

410,000 at risk

Could asbestos released post 9/11 cause more deaths than initial twin tower attacks?

This year UKATA has backed Global Asbestos Awareness Week (1-7 April) by focusing on public awareness of the on-going dangers of asbestos, and supporting US initiatives to make this a truly global campaign moving forwards in the wake of growing asbestos fears post 9/11.

"We still have legacy issues in the UK, but asbestos remains a global problem," said UKATA Chairman Eddie Strong. "Asbestos is still the biggest cause of work related deaths in the UK. The figure is likely to rise as people develop asbestos related diseases like mesothelioma much later in life and up to 30 years after initial exposure. The aftermath of September 11 has also given new impetus to issues surrounding asbestos."

The fact is, death rates tend to be split between those working directly with asbestos and failing to take the proper precautions and those suffering as a result of indirect exposure, such as teachers, surveyors, architects and even the families of tradesmen, who have unwittingly carried asbestos home on their clothing. Yet in the US, 9/11 has created a worrying, new area of concern.

When the World Trade Centre was constructed

in 1966, asbestos was still widely used in building and construction. Asbestos is usually not harmful unless disturbed and people breathe in the dust - and while we all know the twin towers collapsed to the ground, what is less well known is that New Yorkers were exposed to an estimated 400 tons of asbestos dust in the aftermath of this process.

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It is widely thought that Donna Summer contracted lung cancer due to this asbestos carrying dust cloud, but what is beyond doubt is that as asbestos related diseases can take up to 30 years to develop, the staggering fact is the death toll from this cloud could ultimately be bigger than from the initial attack. Estimates suggest some 410,000 people could have been exposed, with those who risked their lives to try and rescue the survivors at greatest risk.

While 2,753 death certificates were filed in the aftermath of 9/11, others have been added. Donna Summer is a high profile example of post event victims, but there are others.

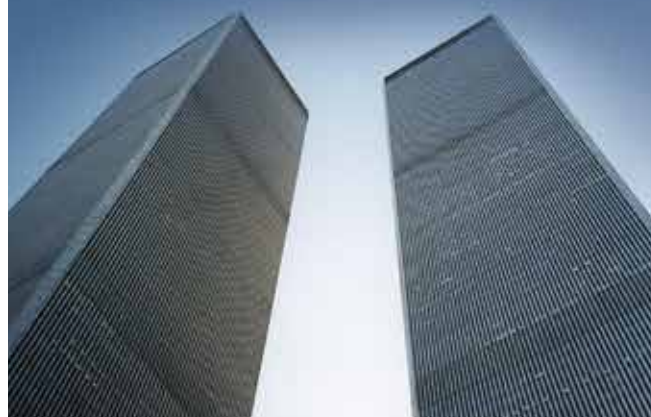
Mr Leon Heyward's development of lymphoma was attributed to dust ingested post 9/11 and Jerry Borg's death from pulmonary sarcoidosis was linked to 9/11 dust. It is highly unlikely they will be the last victims.

"This horrifying story affects the debate on asbestos in the UK too," added Eddie. "Why? Asbestos not being harmful unless disturbed has informed the debate for leaving asbestos in situ unless it poses a credible threat. What we have all failed to take into account is asbestos fibres being released or disturbed unexpectedly. A terrorist strike is an extreme example; when something as mundane as a gas explosion could deliver a similar result.

Asbestos is present in so many public buildings and schools you can see this is far from a scare story but a very real concern."

Estimates suggest 70% of buildings in the UK may contain asbestos, which means over 1.5 million buildings in the UK may still contain asbestos nationwide: a major problem for those tasked with managing and maintaining buildings with this unwanted 100 year legacy to confront, and those training people to handle this killer substance safely.

"Over 4000 people a year in Britain still die as a result of diseases caused by exposure to asbestos," added Eddie. "Our hope is a global awareness week will bring some of these issues to a wider audience and we can help bring Britain's hidden killer a little more into the light."





ACAD - Moving on up!

STAFF are expected to move into the new, two-storey TICA House, Darlington, in mid-August. Building work started on the £400,000-plus re-development of TICA's national training centre and offices, at the end of March.

Work is on schedule and on budget for the current training centre, which is soon to be converted into TICA House, to be ready for staff, trainees and visitors in August.

An extension to the current TICA House, soon to be the national training centre, will double workshop space to 800 square feet. The building is expected to be complete by October.

The investment will mean extra classrooms and meeting rooms will be available to staff, members and trainees, in preparation to begin delivery of the Thermal NVQ Level 3 Qualification.

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Work has seen an extra floor added to the existing single-storey training centre, which was built in 2007, and a series of alterations to the current TICA House.

The second floor will house a series of offices for staff and managers with space on the ground floor for meeting and training rooms as well as a canteen.

Practical teaching space will increase and a mezzanine floor will be added to part of the current TICA House, to form brand new canteen facilities for students on site.

The move will allow thermal insulation training to expand to include the new Advanced Apprenticeship, which will be piloted this Autumn, as well as a number of other new courses.

As a result, TICA desperately

needs more equipment to offer the best training possible for apprentices. Currently staff would like donations of the following from industry:

- Vessels
- Flanges
- Valves
- Two swagers
- A guillotine (preferably measuring five feet)
- A machine saw

Darlington MP Jenny Chapman has already been to visit the site. It is hoped she will return when building work is complete.



The demolition plant simulator



A modified Volvo excavator simulator with demolition specific features such as a boom mounted camera and a tiltable cab - real to life visual effects, reactive motion sensors and demolition specific scenarios, based on the recent reception in Berlin is currently taking the industry by storm.

Developed by the NFDC & the NDTG working in conjunction with Volvo and Oryx Simulations, the demolition plant simulator uses top of the range, innovative technology and is used to train demolition plant operators across the world.

NDTG (Scotland) based at Nisbet Street in Glasgow has recently acquired one of these state of the art simulator rigs, which was opened for demonstration at the recent UKATA Regional Meeting hosted by Circa Consultants.

NDTG (Scotland) has implemented this training aid into the Modern Apprenticeship Program (MAP) as a training model – and showcasing

throughout the supervisor and management courses - proactively matching the rise in mechanical demolition works so that these bespoke courses are as up to date as possible at all times with industry requirements, standards and the latest available technologies.

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The demolition plant simulator can be tailored to meet many of your plant operator training needs.
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Training Opportunities for the Demolition Sector

The demolition plant simulator can be tailored to meet many of your plant operator training needs, whether you wish to train a novice operator on the skills required to operate a demolition adapted excavator in the demolition environment, or whether you wish to help your existing operators brush up on their skills, the demolition plant simulator is the solution to your plant training requirements:

- Novice Operator Training
- Up-skilling Existing Plant Operators
- Refresher Training

The simulator also includes software specific to the construction sector including a programme dedicated to excavation works and earth moving. If you are from the construction sector and wish to enquire about what the simulator can do for your business, please contact the NDTG for further details. There are hire options available that can be discussed.

Workers' Memorial Day, London

28th April 2014

The PATTINSON & BREWER ASBESTOS NETWORK held a commemorative meeting on WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY (WMD) to remember those workers killed at work, to reaffirm its commitment to fight for the living and to campaign to prevent future deaths.

The meeting opened with a reading and a minute's silence – made all the more poignant by the terrible news that Mrs Anne McGuire had been killed at work at the Corpus Christie College in Leeds just a few hours earlier.

The focus of the meeting was asbestos related deaths – the UK's biggest workplace killer. Around 4000 people die each year from mesothelioma and asbestos related lung cancer – that's 11 people every day and more than the number that die on the roads.

However in keeping with the WMD theme for the protection of workers around the world through strong regulation, enforcement and union rights, Susan Murray from UNITE spoke first about the dangers of "Deregulation" particularly for the self employed in the Construction Sector.

Paul Street, Project Worker for London Hazards brought excellent news to the Asbestos Network that London Hazards were up and running again following severe funding problems the previous year. London Hazards also confirmed that they were working towards the establishment of an Asbestos Victim Support Group for the London region.

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We support strict enforcement and high penalties for breaches of health and safety laws.

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An international perspective was provided by John McClean of GMB who spoke about the prevalence of asbestos in developing countries and the legacy this will bring to those still working with asbestos and asbestos containing products; despite the extensive knowledge of the dangers posed. The work of Laurie Kazan-Allen the Co-ordinator of the International Ban Asbestos Secretariat was highly commended by John and widely acknowledged across the Network.

Denise Bertuchi of UNISON reminded us all of the legacy faced in the UK because of the extensive use of asbestos, with up to 6 million tonnes of asbestos being used in the construction of UK schools, hospitals, ships, offices, factories and homes.

The Asbestos Network heard from Julie who is an Ambassador for the



Mesothelioma Charitable Trust UK, about the work of the Trust across specialist mesothelioma centres in the UK and a raffle raised a £50 donation for the Trust. A UKATA representative won the raffle, which they donated back to the cause.

The meeting closed with a presentation about the dangers posed by asbestos in UK schools; 75% of which still contain asbestos. It is estimated that more than 80% of the school stock is already beyond its shelf life and HSE surveys confirm that a significant proportion of schools are failing to adequately manage their asbestos. Britain has the highest incidence of mesothelioma in the world with teacher mesothelioma deaths increasing. In the future it is estimated that 300 people a year could die from mesothelioma as a result of the asbestos they inhaled at school during the 60s and 70s.

The Pattinson Brewer Asbestos Network confirmed support for the Joint Union Asbestos Committee and the Asbestos in Schools Group Campaign - the aim of the campaign is to make UK schools safe from asbestos.

Member competitions



WINNER!

Judith Dunn wins a luxury break in the Peak District

The latest UKATA Matters winner has been picked for the overnight stay in a luxury Peak District boutique hotel.

The lucky winner is Judith Dunn, Membership Development Officer from ACAD in Darlington, County Durham. Judith wins a one night stay in The Maynard Hotel in Grindleford, complete with breakfast and a sumptuous three course meal in the hotel's two AA Rosette Restaurant.

Judith has booked two nights at The Maynard with her partner, Stuart Cleminson, as a special treat after being so busy at work! So, very many congratulations to Judith and we hope she enjoys her prize!

Smart sounds to give away

OTONE Audio Soundship Micro



Competition:

Smart, stylish Bluetooth Wireless or Android Smart Dock up for grabs!

UKATA Matters is delighted to be giving one lucky reader this awesome Soundship Micro from British audio manufacturer OTONE Audio.

The Soundship Micro is a Bluetooth speaker dock that produces impressively clear audio with stylish and innovative design.

The simple 'Push & Pop' mechanism opens up to reveal an integrated micro USB connector. Once the base is open it also displays a retractable USB cable,

to recharge the battery, and a stereo jack connector for an AUX line-in. The Bluetooth functionality adds that extra flexibility, so whatever device you have, you're covered.

Q) The Otone Audio Soundship Micro can be connected via...

- a. Bluetooth**
- b. Stereo jack connector**
- c. Both Bluetooth and stereo jack connector**

Please circle one of the following you think is the correct answer...

a b c

and return to Competition Entry, Unit 7 Markham Vale Environment Centre, Markham Lane, Markham Vale, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S44 5HY or email: info@ukata.org.uk with your name, address and contact telephone number.

Closing date for the competition is 31 August 2014.

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