**Regulatory/Technical Update**

**Covering important recent & forthcoming changes that affect the**

**Furniture industry**

**Friday 7th November at**

**Cranmore Park, Cranmore Avenue, Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands B90 4LF**

**AGENDA**

09.30 a.m. Registration and coffee

10.00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

10.05 a.m. Alistair Bromhead, BFM: Update on HSE issues

o Update on the impact of Fee for Intervention – and the associated consultation.

o Figures on sectoral enforcement action – what notices have been served on/ for.

o Outline of City & Guilds Health & Safety Management Certificates

10.45 a.m. Phil Reynolds, FIRA: Proposed changes to the General Product Safety Directive

* The EU is currently discussing a revision of the General Product Safety Directive (enacted in the UK as the General Product Safety Regulations 2005). The proposals will place an increased obligation on manufacturers (and importers) to maintain a technical file for every product produced, as well as an enhanced emphasis on initial product testing and due diligence requirements. I propose to outline the proposed changes and possible implementation timescales.

11.30 a.m. Coffee

11.45 a.m. Phil Reynolds, FIRA: Update on the proposed amendment to the Furniture & Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations

* The proposal again and possible routes to compliance.
* Open forum on how to communicate this to the supply chain

1.00 pm Lunch

1.45 pm Alistair Bromhead, BFM: HSE Pilot project to research dust exposure in woodworking

 o Review of the old HSE research and the findings of this pilot

o Wood dust best practice

2.30 p.m. Phil Reynolds, FIRA: Standards updates

* CEN, the European Standards body, is currently very active and producing a significant number of new and revised standards for all types of furniture. Over the next three years nearly all furniture standards are likely to be updated. The session will cover which standards are likely to be affected, what the changes are likely to be and how this may affect product.

3.30 p.m. Close

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