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NEW CODE OF PRACTICE PLANNED TO REDUCE VINYL CHLORIDE RISK

Mr Harold Walker, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Department of Employment, today announced that discussions would take place with the TUC and the CBI on the preparation of a code of practice to control the possible health risks from the use of vinyl chloride in industry.

He was answering a question in the House of Commons from Mr Kenneth Lomas MP (Huddersfield West) who asked for a further statement to be made about the action being taken on the known hazards arising from the use in industry of vinyl chloride.

Mr Walker replied:

"The Chief Inspector of Factories has recently invited the TUC and the CBI to participate in discussions with the object of preparing a Code of Practice.

The Code of Practice would deal among other matters with:

1. Methods of limitation of exposure. While the medical information is not yet sufficient to enable a safe limit to be determined we think that, at this stage, it would be sensible to adopt as an interim standard a ceiling value of 50 parts per million and a time weighted average of 25 parts per million, allowing that wherever practicable exposure should be brought as nearly as possible to zero concentrations.
2. A system of monitoring.
3. A system of medical supervision.
4. Methods for the information and training of workpeople in dangers and precautions."

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