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ANNEX I

**TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE MINES SAFETY COMMISSION**

*Decisions from the Council of Ministers of
9 July 1957, 11 March 1965 and 27 June 1974*

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

DECISION

of 9 July 1957

concerning the terms of reference and rules
of procedure of the Mines Safety Commission

Having taken note of the Recommendations adopted by the Conference
on Safety in Coalmines and of the proposals submitted by the High Authority
in connection with the Conference's final Report, which afford a working
basis for the improvement of safety in coalmines, and

having regard to their Decisions at the Council's 36th and 42nd sessions
on September 6, 1956 and on May 9 and 10, 1957, setting up the Mines Safety
Commission,

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES MEETING
AT THE SPECIAL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

- hereby lay down that the terms of reference of the aforesaid Commission
shall be as follows:

1. The Commission shall follow developments regarding safety in coalmines, including those regarding the safety regulations instituted by the public authorities, and assemble the necessary information concerning progress and practical results obtained, more especially in the matter of accident prevention.

To secure the necessary information, the Commission shall apply to the Governments concerned.

The Commission shall evaluate the information in its possession and submit to the Governments proposals for the improvement of safety in coalmines.

2. The Commission shall help the High Authority to work out a method of compiling intercomparable accident statistics.
3. The Commission shall ensure the prompt forwarding to the quarters directly concerned (including in particular mines inspectorates and employers' and workers' associations) of relevant information assembled by it.
4. The Commission shall ascertain, by regular contact with the Governments, what action is being taken to implement the proposals of the Conference on Safety in Coalmines, and such proposals as it may itself draw up.
5. The Commission shall propose such study and research as it deems most indicated for the improvement of safety, with notes as to the way in which these can best be effected.
6. The Commission shall facilitate the exchange of information and experience among persons responsible for safety matters, and propose appropriate measures for this purpose (e.g. organization of study sessions, establishment of documentation services).
7. The Commission shall propose appropriate measures for ensuring the necessary liaison among the rescue services of the Community countries.

8. The Commission shall submit annually to the Council of Ministers and the High Authority a Report on its activities and on developments regarding safety in coalmines in the different member States. In this connection, it shall in particular examine the statistics compiled on accidents and incidents in coalmines.

- The Representatives of the Governments further lay down that the rules of procedure of the Commission shall be those set forth in the Annex to the present Decision.
- The Representatives of the Governments trust that the High Authority will arrange for the Commission to start work at the earliest possible moment.

This Decision was adopted by the Council at its forty-fourth session, on July 9, 1957.

For the Council,

J. REY

President.

RULES OF PROCEDURE
of the Mines Safety Commission

CHAIRMAN

Article 1

The Chairman of the Mines Safety Commission shall be a Member of the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community.

Article 2

The Chairman shall conduct the work of the Commission in accordance with these Rules of Procedure.

MEMBERS

Article 3 (1)

The Commission shall consist of 36 members appointed by the Governments; each country shall have four members, of whom two shall be representatives of that country's Governments, one of the employers and one of the workers.

Each Government shall send in writing to the Chairman a nominal roll of the members appointed by it. It shall notify the Chairman of all changes in this.

Each Government may appoint for any particular meeting of the Commission one or two advisers, whose names it shall send to the Chairman.

I.L.O. PARTICIPATION

Article 4

Representatives of the International Labour Organization shall be invited to attend the proceedings of the Commission in a consultative capacity.

ORGANIZATION

(a) Restricted Committee

Article 5'

A Restricted Committee shall be set up, to consist of Governments representatives on the Commission.

Article 6

The Chairman of the Commission shall act as Chairman of the Restricted Committee.

Article 7

The function of the Restricted Committee shall be to ensure permanent liaison among the Governments of the member States and between them and the Commission, more especially for the purpose of exchanging relevant information. The Restricted Committee shall see to the preparation of the Commission's activities.

Article 8 (1)

The Restricted Committee shall be convened by the Chairman.

The Chairman shall be required to convene it when asked to do so by the representatives of five or more Governments.

(b) Working Parties

Article 9

The Commission of the Restricted Committee may set up Working Parties of experts to consider specific technical matters.

Article 10

The Working Parties shall decide their own modus operandi.

Article 11

The Restricted Committee shall be given reports by the Working Parties on the results of their proceedings, which it shall submit to the Commission with the comments of its members.

In the event of differences of opinion within the Working Parties, the views expressed shall be given, together with the names of those expressing them.

SECRETARIAT

Article 12 (1)

The High Authority shall be responsible for the secretarial arrangements in connection with the work of the Commission, the Restricted Committee and the Working Parties.

These arrangements shall be under the charge of a High Authority staff member appointed to act as Secretary.

All documents shall be in the six official languages of the Community.

WORKING PROCEDURE

Article 13

The Chairman shall fix the agenda and the dates of meetings after consultation with the members of the Restricted Committee.

Article 14 (1)

The Chairman shall allow to speak any member of the Commission or representative of the International Labour Organization asking to do so.

The Chairman may allow advisers to speak.

Article 15

The members of the High Authority shall have the right to attend meetings of the Commission and of the Restricted Committee, and to speak there.

The Chairman may bring with him advisers, whom he may allow to speak.

Article 16

Where the Commission or the Restricted Committee deems it desirable to obtain information concerning the various aspects of safety in coalmines, it shall request this from the Governments of the member States.

Article 17 (1)

24 members shall constitute a quorum. Conclusions shall be adopted by majority of the members present.

Proposals by the Commission under 1,3 of its terms of reference shall, however, require a vote in favour by two-thirds of the members present, and by not less than nineteen members in all.

Any dissenting opinions shall be brought to the attention of the Governments should the members expressing them so request.

(1) Amended having regard to decision of the Council of the European Communities of 1 January 1973 (Official Journal of the European Communities L2 of 1 January 1973).

THE COUNCIL

DECISION (1)

of March 11, 1965

of the Representatives of the Governments
of the Member States assembled in the Special
Council of Ministers to modify the decision
of July 9, 1957

concerning the terms of reference and rules
of procedure of the Mines Safety Commission

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES ASSEMBLED
IN THE SPECIAL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS -

having regard to the decision of July 9, 1957 regarding the terms of
reference and rules of procedure of the Mines Safety Commission, and

having regard to the High Authority's proposal of January 7, 1964,
and

seeing that this decision in no way affects Article 118 of the Treaty
setting up the European Economic Community,

DECIDE:

Article 1

The terms of reference of the Mines Safety Commission laid down by the decision
of July 9, 1957 are replaced by the provisions in the annex.

Article 2

The provisions of Article 17 of the rules of procedure annexed to the Decision
of July 9, 1957 are replaced by the following provisions:

"Should the Mines Safety Commission or the Restricted Committee consider it
desirable to receive information regarding the various fields for which it is
responsible, it shall apply to the Governments of the member States."

This decision was adopted by the Council at its one-hundredth session, on
March 11, 1965.

For the Council

M. MAURICE-SOKANOWSKI

President

(1) See "Journal officiel de la Communauté européenne du charbon et de l'acier" no. 46
of 22nd March 1965.

ANNEX

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE MINES SAFETY COMMISSION

1. The Commission shall follow developments regarding safety and measures to avoid at working-points conditions which represent a danger to health in coalmines, including to this end the safety regulations instituted by the public authorities and assemble the necessary information concerning progress and practical results obtained.

To secure the necessary information, the Commission shall apply to the Governments concerned.

The Commission shall evaluate the information in its possession and submit to the Governments proposals for the improvement of safety and health conditions in coalmines.

2. The Commission shall help the High Authority to work out a method of compiling inter-comparable statistics on accidents and damage to health attributable to vocational activities in coalmines.
3. The Commission shall ensure the prompt forwarding to the quarters directly concerned (including in particular mines inspectorates and employers' and workers' associations) of relevant information assembled by it.
4. The Commission shall ascertain, by regular contact with the Governments, what action is being taken to implement the proposals of the Conference on Safety in Coalmines, and such proposals as it may itself draw up.
5. The Commission shall propose such study and research as it deems most indicated for the improvement of safety, and of healthy working conditions in coalmines, with notes as to the way in which these can be effected.
6. The Commission shall facilitate the exchange of information and experience among persons responsible for safety matters and the maintenance of healthy working conditions, and propose appropriate measures for this purpose (e.g. organization of study sessions, establishment of documentation services).
7. The Commission shall propose appropriate measures for ensuring the necessary liaison among the rescue services of the Community countries.
8. The Commission shall submit annually to the Council of Ministers and the High Authority a Report on its activities and on developments regarding safety and protection of health in coalmines in the different member States. In this connection, it shall in particular examine the statistics compiled in these fields.

COUNCIL DECISION
of 27 June 1974
on the extension of the responsibilities of the Mines Safety and Health Commission to all mineral-extracting industries

(74/326/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES.

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 145 thereof;

Having regard to the draft of the Commission;

Having regard to the Opinion of the European Parliament⁽¹⁾;

Having regard to the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee;

Whereas the representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the special Council of Ministers, by Decision of 9 and 10 May 1957, set up a Mines Safety and Health Commission whose terms of reference as laid down by Decision of 9 July 1957⁽²⁾ of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Special Council of Ministers, amended by Decision of 11 March 1965⁽³⁾ are to follow developments in safety and in the prevention of occupational risks to health in coal mines and to draw up proposals appropriate for the improvement of safety and health in coal mines;

Whereas this body has proved to be an effective and suitable instrument for safeguarding the health and safety of workers in coal mines;

Whereas problems of safety similar to those in coal mines also exist in other mineral-extracting industries;

Whereas the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases, as well as occupational hygiene, are among the objectives of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 40, H. 4. 1974, p. 64.

⁽²⁾ OJ No 2H, 31. H. 1957, p. 487/57.

⁽³⁾ OJ No 46, 22. 3. 1965, p. 69H/65.

Whereas the Council resolution of 21 January 1974⁽⁴⁾ concerning a social action programme envisages an action programme for workers which aims *inter alia* at improvement in safety and health conditions at work;

Whereas the Safety and Health Commission should be assigned the task of extending to all mineral-extracting industries the preventive action which has hitherto been confined to coal mines;

Whereas the representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council agreed to assign this task to the Safety and Health Commission,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. Preventive action against risks of accident and occupational risks to the safety and health of workers in all mineral-extracting industries except simple excavation, excluding the protection of the health of workers against the dangers arising from ionizing radiations which is subject to special regulations pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community shall be the responsibility of the Mines Safety and Health Commission; within the terms of reference laid down by Decision of 11 March 1965 of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the special Council of Ministers.

2. Mineral-extracting industries shall be taken to mean the activities of prospecting and of extraction in the strict sense of the word as well as of preparation of extracted materials for sale (crushing, screening, washing), but not the processing of such extracted materials.

3. Simple excavation shall be taken to mean work whose purpose is not the extraction of materials for use.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ No C 13, 12. 2. 1974, p. 1.

Article 2

1. This Decision shall enter into force on the fifth day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

2. It shall apply:

— to the underground activities of the mineral-extracting industries: as from the day laid down in paragraph 1;

— to the other activities of the mineral-extracting industries: as from 1 January 1976.

Done at Luxembourg, 27 June 1974.

For the Council

The President

K. GSCHIEDLE

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE VARIOUS WORKING PARTIES
OF THE SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMISSION
FOR THE MINING AND OTHER EXTRACTIVE
INDUSTRIES**

TERMS OF REFERENCE COMMON TO ALL WORKING PARTIES

The Safety and Health Commission for the Mining and Other Extractive Industries recalls that from its inception, the exchange of experience and information in Working Parties has been completed wherever necessary in the mining basins, testing institutes and at the manufacturers.

C

VENTILATION, FIREDAMP AND OTHER MINE GASES

A) General terms of reference

The Working Party on Ventilation and Mine Gas will examine general problems of ventilation, particularly where prevention of firedamp explosions is concerned and other means or measures should be applied in order to suppress or control firedamp.

In addition to the study of firedamp explosions occurring in the Community, attention will also be devoted to usable results of research in the field of firedamp outbursts, in particular where maximum permissible levels in ventilation air of firedamp and other poisonous gases are concerned, and the advance estimation of firedamp emission before a working is started.

Attention will also be devoted to appropriate speeds for the flow of ventilation air, measures to be taken in the event of deceleration of the flow of air, measures for the stabilization of ventilation and the means and procedures for monitoring ventilation.

B) Special terms of reference

1. Examination of the special requirements for workings with auxiliary ventilation in which dust control and air conditioning equipment is used
2. Examination of controlled partial recirculation of air in drivages.
3. Presentation of proposals for the selection of combinations of suitable materials for the impellers and housings of auxiliary fans.

4. Preparation of a report on "Methane under armoured conveyors".
5. Preparation of a second report on "Ignitions of firedamp by power loaders and heading machines" including proposals to the Governments on automatic methane monitoring, ventilation of the space between the road-face and the body of the machine, horizon control and automatic extinguishing of ignitions.
6. Preparation of a report on "Heavy gas emissions".
7. Preparation of a report on "Effects of firedamp on the risk of explosion with coal dusts (in collaboration with the Working Party on "Flammable Dusts").
8. Drafting of uniform requirements and specifications for the design and use of CH₄ monitoring instruments.
9. Preparation of a report on "Use of diesel engines underground in mines".
10. Drafting conclusions concerning outbursts of coal and gases.

D

WINDING ROPES AND SHAFT GUIDES,
WINDING ENGINES AND WINCHES

Terms of reference

1. Follow-up of progress made in the testing of winding ropes by means of appropriate instruments in order to obtain information concerning its application in the mines of the Community and the United Kingdom.
2. Testing of couplings for circular and flattened winding ropes.
3. Arrangements for the installation and inspection of capels.
4. Testing of guides for winding cages in drafts and guide mechanisms for cable haulage in roadways.
5. Maintenance required to ensure safe operation of winding ropes and balance ropes.
6. Use of studies on the dynamic behaviour of shaft and roadway ropes.
7. Exchange of views on the properties operating conditions and strength of winding ropes of particular interest.
8. Discussion on accidents involving winding and hauling ropes and their couplings, which could provide new information.

E

STRATA CONTROL AND ROCK MECHANICS

The Working Party is instructed to examine, by exchanging experience and by evaluating the results of research, whether it is possible to draw up measures or practical directives for the prevention of falls of ground, taking into account the individual features of coal measures and workings.

1. In particular : In the interest of better roof control, particularly within the context of working schedules, it will study :
 - 1.1. general measures to be taken into consideration in avoiding falls of ground, in the light of the type of measures and conditions of workings, e.g. sequence of working the seams, features of the working areas (length, speed of advance, etc.), type and characteristics of support ;
 - 1.2. specific measures to deal with individual difficulties which may or may not foreseeably arise in the long term, such as disturbance zones, protective banks, working of a face at right-angles to the end of an old seam, etc.
 - 1.3. specific measures to be taken when starting off a face in order to prevent abrupt subsidence of the roof.
2. It will also compare mining regulations on support and draw up minimum roof control requirements, taking into account the characteristics of the various faces (overall seam thickness, dip, dead rock ...).
3. Stability of Tips.

F

E L E C T R I C I T Y

Terms of reference

1. Comparing adopted safety and accident prevention provisions relating to :
 - a) electric shock,
 - b) fire hazard,
 - c) explosion hazard.
2. Follow the evolution in Community countries with regard to safety regulations on underground electrical networks of low and medium voltage (up to 1 100 V) and feeder cables for movable equipment, with due regard to the specifications for the said cables.
3. Finish the report on steps to be taken when work has to be carried out on electrical equipment under voltage.
4. Finish the study on the construction of high-tension cables (of up to 6 000 V) used underground, and protective equipment.
5. Follow the evolution of oil-powered contactors used in gassy environments.
6. Follow the development of techniques designed to eliminate entirely the production of sparks on electrical contact lines (battery motors excluded).
7. Examination of the intrinsically safe circuits for remote control in conjunction with mechanisation automation.
8. The Mines Safety and Health Commission instructs the Working Party on Electricity :

- 8.1. to continue to take due note of the results of the work of the CENELEC entrusted with harmonizing the rules covering the design of electrical equipment for use in explosive atmosphere ;
- 8.2. to propose, if appropriate, modifications to the above documents of CENELEC to make them applicable to coal mines in countries of the European Community ;
- 8.3. to prepare the models of the certificates of conformity and control for Group I electrical apparatus (in collaboration with D.G. III of the EC - Commission) ;
- 8.4. to compare the rules covering installation and use of underground electrical equipment now current in each of the Community countries, particularly in respect of the dangers of firedamp ignition ; to ensure that the rules are uniform or to examine the equivalence of certain rules, so that such equipment can be used without modification in all the Community countries.

G

HUMAN FACTORS AFFECTING SAFETY

Terms of reference

1. To study and work out proposals on the aspects by which behaviour and attitudes of individuals in extractive industries can be influenced in order to improve safety and health and working conditions in these industries.
2. To gather, consider and disseminate information about behavioural, organisational and human factors relating to safety and health in extractive industries.
3. To consider arrangements for safety training.
4. To consider the initiation of campaigns designed beneficially to influence attitudes to safety at work.
5. To study the attitudes of work people and organisational arrangements in order to create greater involvement and awareness of safety and health.
6. To consider any other matters thought by the working party to be relevant to improving attitudes towards safety and health at work in extractive industries.

I

M E C H A N I Z A T I O N

Taking into consideration current techniques in winning and roadway driving linings and roadway conveyors, the working party is instructed to study particular ways of preventing accidents connected with mechanization.

In particular, it is to :

- a) compile a schedule for machinery manufacturers and users of the minimum work safety requirements for mechanical protection of machines and equipment;
- b) study safety provisions such as : visual and acoustic signalling, operating controls and in particular the ability to stop machines from any point on the face or roadway, taking account of modern means of telecommunication and remote control, electrical protection of motors in the event of overloading or jamming of equipment, lighting, etc.

X OIL, GAS AND OTHER MATERIALS EXTRACTED BY BOREHOLE

Terms of reference

1. In the light of information available on safety and health hazards and the causes of accidents during prospecting, boring and extracting to obtain petroleum, gas and other materials by the Community countries within their territory or offshore dependencies, the working party is instructed in particular :
 - a) to evaluate lessons to be drawn from several serious accidents which occurred during the evacuation of platforms off shore : recommandation on exercises for the rescue of men falling over board, for the evacuation of platforms, fire fighting, etc...
 - b) to form a study and editorial group which will study the problem of accident statistics in the specific field outlined under 1. in collaboration with the working party on Common Accident Statistics ;
 - c) to make proposals in the field of initial and refresher training for personnel of all ranks ;
 - d) to maintain contacts with the organizations and conferences working in this field, in particular with the "London Conference of Safety and Pollution Safeguards in the Development of North West European Offshore Mineral Resources" and particularly with its group III, with the "Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization", with the "International Labour Office" and the "European Diving Technology Committee".
 - e) to follow the evolution of techniques of exploiting by borehole, petroleum, gas and other materials; to up-date and develop proposals of the Safety and Health Commission for the mining and other extractive industries on the prevention of blowouts, and to propose usefull methods of controlling these in the event of a blowout occurring.

L C O M B U S T I B L E D U S T S

Terms of reference

Taking into account the mechanism of dust combustion and of flame propagation and the various factors which may influence this, including the fact that methane is frequently involved in this phenomenon, the working party is instructed to carry out a study of precautions against dust explosions, in particular :

- a) dust neutralization (dust control in situ, stone dusting, spraying, dust fixation by means of spreading salts and coagulating pastes etc.), this study to include the comparative analysis of the regulations and instructions applied in the Community countries, along with the methods of application of the different processes,
- b) dust barriers of various types to halt dust explosions, mixed dust-methane explosions and pure methane explosions.

The working party may make any suggestions for research work considered necessary to advance the knowledge of the phenomena studied and to promote safety in these fields.

M

H E A L T H I N M I N E S

Studying, from the standpoint of technical prevention and industrial medicine, the prevention of environmental risks to the health of workers in coal mines, and other extractive industries.

1. To update the general directives concerning airborne dust control methods in coal mines during the use of power loaders and heading machines, particularly in connection with powered supports, underground crushers and rubber tyred transport vehicles.
2. Dust measurement (methods, frequency, measuring points, conclusions to be drawn etc.) and where necessary establishing a scale of comparison of the various methods employed in coal and other mines.
3. Establishment of airborne dust thresholds. Definition of categories of permissible dustiness. Steps to be taken when faced with various categories of dustiness, especially in coal mines.
4. Among the medical problems in the control of ambient health hazards to workers in mines and other extractive industries priority must be given to the study of the following factors : climate, noise, vibration, visibility and gas, in particular radon and H_2S , and other materials which might be dangerous to health.
5. To indicate the lines of research into the use of dangerous substances and to use their results to suggest appropriate action.

N

RESCUE ARRANGEMENTS,
FIRES AND UNDERGROUND COMBUSTION

A) General terms of reference

(Art. 7 of the Terms of Reference of the Mines Safety and Health Commission)

Exchange of experience between the Community countries on :

1. Rescue operations and action against spontaneous combustion, heatings and fires on the occasion of accidents or other events underground requiring the assistance of rescue teams, from which useful lessons have been learned ;
2. Organization of rescue operations underground and the presentation of reports every two years ;
3. The prevention of spontaneous combustion, heatings and fire outbreaks underground, the fighting and control of spontaneous combustion, heatings and fires, and reopening sealed-off workings.

B) Special terms of reference

1. Comparison of practical arrangements of rescue operations existing in the Community countries and possibly the drafting of a standard plan of procedure for the Community as a whole.
2. Exchange of experience and practical knowledge in the following fields :
 - a) methods and apparatus for the early detection of combustion, heatings and pit fires,
 - b) CO self-rescuers employing filters or oxygen and more

generally methods to protect personnel in noxious atmospheres (gas, fumes, oxygen deficiency etc.)

- c) Oxygen deficiency warning devices,
 - d) Fires in long plant,
 - e) Sealing off abandoned workings,
 - f) Specifications and testing conditions for fire-resistant fluids for mechanical power transmission.
3. Condensed comparative survey of new regulations and guidelines promulgated by the mining authorities of member countries on rescue arrangements, first aid and fire lighting and prevention.
- C) Analysis of results (partial or overall) of research projects at present in progress so as to :
- 1. Improve borehole rescue techniques,
 - 2. Define the standards to which flameproof clothing should conform.
- D) Studies to be completed on the following subjects :
- 1. Effects of a fire in shafts,
 - 2. Resources to be applied to combat the danger of explosion during firefighting : nitrogen and others.

0

COMMON ACCIDENT STATISTICS

Terms of reference

1. To extend the tables of accident statistics under ground, prepared for coal mines to all the extractive industries.

The working party shall determine the conditions for this extension and examine how the condensed statistics on socioeconomic items might be presented for all the extractive industries.

2. To establish statistics on certain occupational diseases notably, pneumoconiosis and deafness.
3. To study the possibility of introducing into the table for the coal mining industry which figures in the First Chapter of the Annual Report, other technical elements which may have an effect on the frequency of accidents.
4. In order to enable the Mines Safety and Health Commission to draw conclusions on accident prevention, the frequency of underground accidents in the Community coal mines should be examined, with the following objectives :
 1. To decide on suitable mathematical statistical systems;
 2. To evaluate, with their aid, chronological differences in frequency together with differences from country to country or coalfield to coalfield.

COMPOSITION OF THE SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMISSION FOR THE
MINING AND OTHER EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES
AND OF ITS WORKING PARTIES

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This proposal is a continuation of paper 3318/6/77 referred to in par. 3.3: "The safety of operations depends largely on the skill of the workforce. Regular protective safety drill and safety meetings should be held." and of paper 3767/4/77 referred to in par. 10: "Well control drills should be held, at least weekly, for each crew".

Adopted by the Safety and Health Commission for the Mining and Other Extractive Industries on 7 May 1980 in accordance with articles 1 and 4 of the terms of reference.

A - WELL CONTROL DRILL OFFSHORE

1. Well control drills are aimed to train crews to respond in a time frame appropriate to ensure the prevention of blowouts.
- 2 Once wellhead safety equipment is installed, control drills should be conducted to simulate control of a possible blowout for operations:
 - a) whilst on bottom
 - b) when tripping pipe
 - c) with pipe out of the hole.
3. These drills should consist of at least the following events:
 1. detection of pressure differential, gain or loss of fluid;
 2. appropriate positioning of the drill string or tubulars in the BOP stack and on the floor;
 3. observation of the fluid level in the well;
 4. closing in of the well;
 5. time required to accomplish.

Remark: A complete check list of these operations should be established.

B - WELL CONTROL TRAINING OF PERSONNEL

1. Training of drillers and supervisory staff should be both practical and theoretical to ensure that correct action is taken, in the shortest time possible, to prevent a well from reaching a critical condition.
2. Theoretical training must include simulator training to prepare personnel in handling a well that is in a critical condition.
3. Practical and theoretical training and retraining must be conducted with a reasonable frequency.

Remark: Training and its records should be properly administered.

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