

Strong Overseas Line-up for 'Aerosol2017' Event

It's 'all systems go' for the 'aerosol2017' event, which will be held in Sydney from 21 - 23 March 2017.

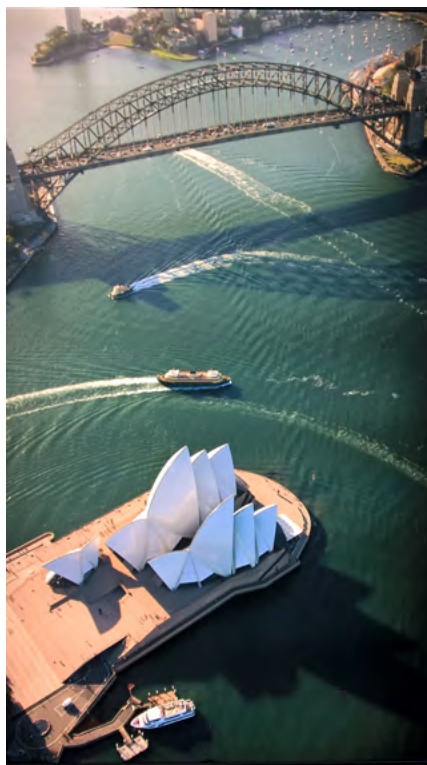
Spread over several days, highlights include an Industry Forum and a Gala Industry Dinner, all in world-class venues featuring harbour-side locations, including the Museum of Contemporary Art at Circular Quay for the Forum and 'Opera Point Marquee' (pictured below) on the northern boardwalk of Sydney Opera House for the Gala Industry Dinner.

A range of supporting events, including a special one day version of the Association's popular 'Introduction to Aerosol Technology' training course and a meeting of the Asian Aerosol Federation, help cement the event's

status as a major regional event and showcase for the Australian aerosol industry.

Presenters at the Forum include a number of top overseas experts, including Jo Jackson, the Corporate Marketing & Innovation Manager at Colep, and Alain d'Haese, Secretary-General of the European Aerosol Federation. Other overseas presenters include Paul Sullivan of DH Industries, the UK division of Pamasol Willi Mäder, and Richard Cooper from Emerson Automation Solutions - Cascade Technologies.

More information at www.aerosol2017.com.



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Vale Ivan Paul

Former President of the Aerosol Association of New Zealand, Ivan Paul - who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at this Association's 2008 Awards Industry Awards Dinner for his contribution to the Australasian industry - passed away on 10 November 2016.

Ivan followed in the footsteps of the late Ross Bullock onto the Executive of the New Zealand Aerosol Association in mid-1985 and quickly assumed responsibility for technical and regulatory matters.

On accepting the Presidency of the New

Zealand Association in 1989, he oversaw the industry's legislated exit from CFC propellants and also the Association's public relations program which originated the "It's OK to Spray" slogan and logo which was subsequently adopted by this and several other aerosol bodies around the world.

Ivan also oversaw the integration of that Association's secretariat with the Australian one in 1996 and represented Australasian interests at a variety of international Congresses.



TECH / REG

New Editions of ADG Code Released

In December 2016 the NTC released a revised 'December 2016' edition of ADG 7.4, which incorporates a number of minor corrections.

They also released the text of the new version 7.5, which was approved by the Transport and Infrastructure Council on 4 November and comes into effect - except in WA - on 1 March 2017 (and becomes compulsory from 1 March 2018).

Key features of the new 7.5 include:

- the removal of the requirement for inner package markings*;
- incorporation of the Gillette approval/

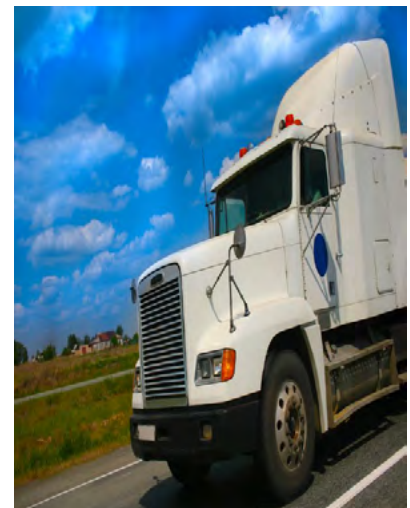
determination for plastic aerosols; and

- the introduction of a simplified transport document for "Concessional Limited Quantities" (articles for personal care or household use or 'domestic consumable dangerous goods'.)

The texts of the updated Codes and the Concessional Limited Quantities Transport Document are available at:

www.ntc.gov.au/heavy-vehicles/safety/australian-dangerous-goods-code/

* NOTE: the reference to AS 2278 in Part 6 of ADG 7.5 means that the labelling requirements of AS 2278 remain mandatory under the Code.



New Zealand: WHS/HSNO Reforms Delayed



The Health and Safety at Work Regulations relating to hazardous substances are now not expected to come into effect until December 2017. As a result the new EPA HSNO Notices will also be delayed.

The Association Executive Director met with EPA officials in late December to discuss the Notices in detail and to explore proposed changes to the drafts previously circulated.

It appears that the proposed requirement for "Keep out of reach of children" and a sniffing warning on all aerosols has been

moved to the clauses detailing labelling requirements for hazardous substances that are consumer products. As well as [obviously] only applying to consumer - as opposed to workplace - products, this means that the 'alternative labelling compliance provisions' apply and hence products that comply with EU, Australian, US and Canadian labelling requirements will be deemed compliant even if they do not include these warnings.

Stay up-to-date at <http://www.epa.govt.nz/hazardous-substances/hsno-reform/Pages/default.aspx>.

GHS Labelling Deadline Extended for Goods in Trade



On 5 December Safe Work Australia announced a significant change to the deadline for GHS labelling of Hazardous Chemicals.

The announcement means that only goods manufactured or imported after 1 January 2017 must meet the new GHS based labelling requirements. (The previous position had been that this deadline applied to goods in the supply chain.)

Source: www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/news/pages/05122016-labelling-requirements.

Links to the Model Code of Practice for Labelling of Workplace Hazardous Chemicals are detailed in the 'Regulatory' section of the Association website at <http://aerosol.com.au/regulatory/useful-web-resources/>.



In associated news, a recent ruling by Safework NSW means that in NSW AgVet products do not have to comply with GHS requirements until 1 January 2018.

See www.safework.nsw.gov.au/health-and-safety/safety-topics-a-z/hazardous-chemical/chemical-labelling.

A recent Deloitte study estimated the direct costs to the chemical industry of complying with such labelling requirements at roughly \$15.0 - 15.8 million and concluded that adding them would have only a small benefit for worker safety. [Source: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/ag-vet-chemicals/review-of-duplication/chemlabelling-review>].

Weights & Measures – Markings Reform Set to Resume

The review of Part 4 of the National Trade Measurement Regulations 2009 by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science noted in our October newsletter seems set to restart with release of a consultation paper expected in March 2017.

The Paper is expected to set out a

range of options including the suggestion that cosmetics be exempt from the requirements relating to position of the measurement mark.

This would mean that cosmetics imported from Europe, where weight statements are customarily placed

on the back label, would not require re-labelling.

Members will be advised when the Paper is released. For more information see www.industry.gov.au/packagingreview.

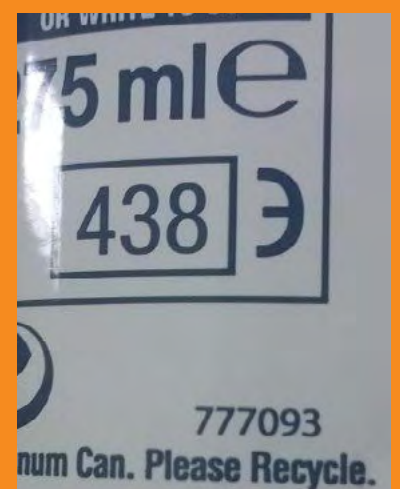
Revised EU Aerosol Dispensers Directive Published

An amendment to the EU Aerosol Dispensers Directive was gazetted on 21 November 2016 and permits a maximum pressure of 15 bar (up from 13 bar) in some compressed gas aerosols. (The maximum pressure permitted in flammable liquefied gas aerosols remains 12 bar at 50 degrees Celsius).

The document can be downloaded in a variety of formats and languages from

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2016/2037/oj>.

EU Member States are required to adopt and publish the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the amended Directive by 12 December 2017 at the latest and such provisions must come into force no later than 12 February 2018.



US EPA Proposes Ban on Certain Trichloroethylene Uses

Trichloroethylene (TCE) would no longer be permitted in aerosol degreasers and stain removers used by dry-cleaning facilities, under a regulation proposed on 7 December 2016 by the United States EPA.

The action marks the first time in more than 20 years that the EPA has tried to use its authority under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to restrict the use of a hazardous chemical and it will be interesting to see if the move survives the shakeup of the agency under new US President Donald Trump.

PR / ADVOCACY

Aerosol Sunscreens Under Scrutiny

The Association has closely monitored the recent debate regarding the efficacy of many popular sunscreens, including those in the aerosol format.

As part of its response - which included liaison with other industry associations - the Association has prepared an Information Sheet on the subject.

Any members who are approached by media or customers about issues questioning the safety or efficacy of aerosols are encouraged to contact the Association office.



AAF Meeting: Members Invited to Observe

The Asian Aerosol Federation ('AAF') will hold its 2017 Annual Meeting in Sydney on the morning of 22 March as part of the 'aerosol2017' event.

As with our hosting of the 2014 meeting, members will be invited – subject to room capacity constraints – to observe the meeting.

Details will be advised by email shortly.



'Aerotech China' to be held in November

The 8th International Aerosol Product and Metal Containers Exhibition will be held in Ningbo, China from 1 - 3 November 2017.

For more information contact Stacie at info@aerosolchina.org

STOP PRESS: International List of Transport Competent Authorities Published

The UN Sub-Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods has recently published an (almost) full contact list of competent authorities for the transport of dangerous goods world-wide.

See http://www.unece.org/trans/main/danger/competent_authorities.html.

