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ILO Convention 182

What is “hazardous child labour”

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Convention 182

- Worst forms of child labour convention
- Child – under 18 years

“Each Member which ratifies this Convention shall take immediate and effective measures to secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour as a matter of urgency”.

Ratified by 150 countries
Under C182, “the worst forms of child labour” comprises

- slavery, sale and trafficking of children
- using children for prostitution or pornography
- using children for illicit activities
- “work which, by its nature or the circumstances in which it is carried out, is likely to harm the health, safety or morals of children” (Article 3(d))
Constitution 182

Article 4

- the types of work (Article 3(d)) to be determined by national laws after consultation with employers and workers – the “list”.

- competent authority to identify where work on the list, exists, after consultation.

- “list” to be reviewed periodically.
The List

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Work which is likely to harm the health and safety of children.

- work underground, under water, at dangerous heights or in confined spaces
- work with dangerous machinery
- manual handling or transport of heavy loads
- work in an unhealthy environment
  - exposure to hazardous substances
  - damaging noise levels or vibrations
- long hours or night work
Analysis

- 45 national returns examined
- 17 returns provided useful input
Generic Hazards (1)

- Lifting and carrying heavy weights
- Working at height
- Maintenance of unguarded machinery in motion
- Operation of unguarded machinery in motion
- Exposure to dangerous chemicals
- Exposure to asbestos
Generic Hazards (2)

- exposure to harmful radiation
- night work
- work with “high risk” biological agents
- operating cranes, hoists etc
- work with high voltage electricity
- work in abnormal heat, cold, noise and vibration
- work with power driven cutting machinery
Generic Activities (1)

- Slaughterhouses
- Mixing and application of pesticides
- Explosives work
- Working with lead compounds (gas, dust, vapour)
- Molten metals work
- Work under water
- Deep sea fishing
- Ship loading/unloading
Generic Activities (2)

- mining and work underground
- operating power driven woodworking machinery
- tree felling/logging/cutting
- work with wild, dangerous or poisonous animals
- demolition work
- ship breaking
Questions

1. Should there be a single worldwide list
   - or a core list with optional secondary list

2. Anything missed out

3. Anything that should be omitted

4. How specific should we be
   - heavy (?) weights
   - working at height (?)
   - high(?) voltage electricity

5. How should harmful chemicals be referred to
   - ? EU classification