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HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMISSION
CHANNEL TUNNEL SAFETY AUTHORITY (CTSA)
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2004-2005

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Issue

1. Publication of the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority (CTSA) Annual Report for the period from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005.

Timing

2. Routine. The Annual Report was published on 14 October 2005.

Recommendation

3. The Commission is asked to note the work of the CTSA covered by the Annual Report for 2004-2005.

Background

4. The CTSA advises the UK and French Intergovernmental Commission on all matters relating to safety in the operation of the Channel Tunnel Fixed Link. The CTSA has five members from the UK and five from France and is chaired in rotation between the two countries. During the period covered by the report the Authority was chaired by the Head of the French Delegation.
5. The power to appoint members of the UK Delegation to the Authority has been delegated by Ministers to the Commission. It is expected that this delegation will be withdrawn when responsibility for railway safety transfers to the ORR.

Argument

6. The Report covers the work of the CTSA and its Working Groups during 2003-2004. Key features include:
 - The impact of European Directives on arrangements for safety in the Channel Tunnel;

- The impact of change in Eurotunnel's commercial and financial policies - Project DARE (Delivering Actions to Revitalise Eurotunnel);
- Recommendations during the year on Eurotunnel submissions, in particular in respect of modifications to the safety arrangements and proposals from Eurotunnel to change the arrangements for controlling the gap between trains during single line operations.

Consultation

7. Not appropriate.

Presentation

9. There are no presentational issues.

Costs and Benefits

10. None.

Financial/Resource Implications for HSE

11. There are no resource implications for HSC/E.

Environmental implications

12. None.

Other Implications

13. None.

Action

14. For information only.