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Happy New Year to you and yours!

This is the first issue for 2010. This year promises to be a very busy and full on year for all of us. We have the Rail MECA to resolve, Toll Tranz Link and a number of Port Company CA's to renew and the Save Our SOL campaign.

Bring it on we say!

**FIRST ISSUE
2010 -
TRANSPORT
WORKER**

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WE NEED THEM NOW!

**FINAL REMINDER -ERNEST
WILLIAM FILE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ernest William File Scholarship was established in 1978 by members of the Locomotive Engineers Association as a tribute to Ernest William File, the retiring General Secretary of the Association. The Scholarship was continued and expanded

by the Combined Union of Railway Employees and the Rail and Maritime Transport Union has continued to support the scholarship on the same basis as in the past.

The scholarship is open to male or female applicants in two groups, those who are the children of a Locomotive Engineer and those who have a parent who is a member of the Rail & Maritime Transport Union at the time the application for the scholarship is made.

The scholarship is tenable for a maximum period of three years at any University/Tertiary Institution in New Zealand, by a scholar who is undertaking full time study for his or her first degree/qualification and the value of the scholarship is \$1500 a third of which shall be applied in each of the three years during which the scholarship is tenable.

Although applications close as at 31st January of any year the Scholarship Committee will not meet until mid February. This allows a window of opportunity for any further applications. If you require a form or any advice regarding the required information please contact the Head Office on (04) 499-2066

This is for the information and guidance of RMTU members only!

ONTRACK: CONTRACTING OUT OF CORE RAIL WORK

Ontrack members in the Waikato were advised at a meeting on 13th January that the area manager had decided to put contractors into a renewals gang to re-rail a section of the main trunk, and that the engineer involved had been told to use the contractors with the ontrack staff whenever he needed additional staff.

The Ontrack members raised the issue with the RMTU, they were not prepared to see their work given to non Union contactors on lower rates of pay. One of our excellent RMTU organisers was advised that if the matter was not resolved, the members would require a stopwork meeting to discuss the matter.

The issue was swiftly resolved after discussions between the RMTU and Ontrack, and the gang will now be supplemented by Ontrack maintenance staff, but this dispute/occurrence raises a number of important issues that must be resolved urgently.

The issue of the use of contractors is under discussion between Ontrack and the RMTU currently. The RMTU has put a common sense proposal to Ontrack to clarify how and when contractors should be used. The Union is waiting for a response from Ontrack.

There is no question that Ontrack needs to use contractors for a variety of purposes, and this is acknowledged. But, the collective agreement specifically commits the parties to the use of Ontrack staff for core rail work, this agreement reflects the parties commitment to the job security of the Ontrack staff, their skills development and the ongoing productive relationship between the parties.

The current agreement on contractors (clause 3 of the CA) acknowledges the need for a flexible approach to this issue, and states that if these circumstances arise,

Ontrack must consult with the RMTU over the current issue. If this had occurred the problem would probably have been resolved to the mutual satisfaction of all parties, Sound like common sense? Well, as they say "common sense isn't that common"

Unfortunately working constructively is not in the nature of the manager involved. This is not the first time he has breached his obligations, but it will be the last. It is unlikely he bothered to read the CA, if he did, he must have decided to simply ignore his obligations.

Ontrack has agreed to enter into a constructive relationship with the RMTU and the Union's members have endorsed this approach after it was recommended to them by the Union leaders who believe that working together is in the best interests of the rail industry.

The RMTU will not sustain it's support for this process if our members see Ontrack managers blatantly breaching agreements that have been made.

This is an issue Ontrack senior management must deal with decisively if they wish a partnership process to succeed, longterm.

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CPI DOWN FOR DECEMBER QUARTER

The consumers price index (CPI) fell 0.2 percent for the December 2009 quarter, Statistics New Zealand said today. This fall, which was driven by lower food prices and weaker increases for other goods and services, contributed to an annual increase of 2.0 percent.

Food prices fell 2.4 percent in the December 2009 quarter, driven by lower prices for vegetables (down 17.6 percent), which fell strongly from their winter peak. Prices for the meat, poultry, and fish subgroup and the grocery food subgroup also fell in the December quarter. "Although food prices fell in the latest quarter, they were up 1.4 percent for the year and are 10.9 percent higher than two years ago," said Prices

manager Chris Pike. The latest annual rise in food prices included reductions in some package sizes, which are shown as price increases in the CPI.

The fall in food prices was partly offset by a 1.5 percent rise in the transport group, influenced by a 13.9 percent seasonal increase in international air transport. While international airfares were up strongly in the December quarter, these were still 9.6 percent lower than in the December 2008 quarter. Annually, the transport group recorded an increase of 3.7 percent, with prices for second-hand cars (up 13.3 percent) and petrol (up 3.3 percent) rising from relatively low levels in late 2008.

The CPI increased 2.0 percent for the year to the December 2009 quarter. Non-tradable goods and services (which do not face foreign competition) rose 2.3 percent and tradables (which are imported or in competition with imported goods) rose 1.5 percent. This was the lowest annual increase in the nontradables component since the December 2001 quarter, reflecting relatively low annual increases for electricity, rents, and the purchase of new housing. "Electricity prices were up 2.1 percent for the year, which is their lowest annual rise for more than seven years," Mr Pike said.

The CPI measures the rate of price change of goods and services purchased by households. Statistics NZ visits 3,000 shops around New Zealand to collect prices for the CPI and check product sizes and features.

NEW TRAINS SHOULD BE BUILT IN NEW ZEALAND WORKSHOPS

The Alliance Party says the Government and State Owned Enterprise Kiwirail should produce the new electric trains promised to Auckland in New Zealand workshops.

Alliance Party co-leader Kay Murray says international tendering cannot be justified when Kiwirail's own workshops could do the work.



Kiwirail's Lower Hutt workshop in Wellington and Hillside workshop in South Dunedin both have the skills and the capacity to build the trains, she says.

"There is a responsibility for the Government to ensure that this work is carried out by New Zealand industry," says Ms Murray, who stood for the Alliance in the Dunedin South electorate in 2008.

She says in South Dunedin, Hillside was a major employer, and the development of skills and infrastructure through doing this work would provide a major boost for the local economy and employment.

"The new trains are being paid for by New Zealand taxpayers. The Government has a duty to ensure that if at all possible the work stays in New Zealand and is used to provide jobs for New Zealanders both in the workshops and the wider community where the workers wages will be spent."

Ms Murray says this is especially important when we are still in an economic recession with tens of thousands of New Zealanders out of work.

She says it is important New Zealand has the ability to carry out industrial and manufacturing work of this kind to build an advanced, modern economy with high waged and skilled jobs.

KIWI RAIL GROUP – VEOLIA MECA –UPDATE

As advised to Kiwirail members prior to Christmas the Union will be issuing ballot papers seeking a mandate for a rail industry MECA. The papers will go to members who are covered by the collective within KiwiRail Mechanical Services, NZRC, Ontrack Infrastructure, KiwiRail Freight and Veolia Transport (or Transdev as it is now known).

Each company ballot is a separate vote and must be carried if that company is to be part of the initiation notice for the Rail Industry MECA. The Union will initiate for a single Collective Agreement for unsuccessful ballot company's.

It is essential that we have a good voter response as only the papers returned are counted.

Meetings will soon be held with Veolia members to explain the MECA process and the wagheround approach of the RMTU.

IMPORTANT RMTU DATES FOR 2010

Workers Memorial Day	28 April 2010
RMTU Ports Forum	4-5 May 2010 <i>subject to alteration</i>
Annual Conference Remits Due	31 July 2010
42nd ITF Congress	5-12 August 2010
Annual Delegates Conference	12-14 October 2010
White Ribbon Day	25 November 2010

Transport Worker Branch contributions deadlines for printing	Issue 1 – 11 February 2010 Issue 2 – 5 May 2010 Issue 3 – 4 August 2010 Issue 4 – 3 November 2010
Branch AGM's (Election Officers & Conf Dels)	To be held in the month of August 2010 as per rules & standing orders. <i>(Please liaise with your Industrial Officer and other local branches to ensure Gen Sec attendance).</i>
National Management Committee Meetings	NMC 1st ¼ Meeting 10 March 2010 NMC 2nd ¼ Meeting 9 June 2010 NMC 3rd ¼ Meeting 8 September 2010 NMC 4th ¼ Meeting 8 – 9 December 2010
National Affiliates Council	25 February, 27 April, 26 August & 25 November 2010

SAVE OUR SOL

Continues to be on everyone's lips. The Union campaign to save the Stratford Okahukura (SOL) line from mothballing and suspected closure is continuing to gather momentum. In a meeting this week between Wayne Butson and Jim Quinn it was suggested by wayne that Jim Quinn needs to visit the members in the Taranaki to explain the company's position and to face their anger at the possible closure of the SOL Branch.

The first train ran over the SOL on 13 December 1932. The line was closed to passenger trains in January 2007 which was seen by the local communities at the time as a "kick in the guts".

Let's all commit to "save Our SOL" as a rail corridor to ensure ongoing development and



timely linkage with NZ's most populace areas rather than a cycleway.

We are assured there is no government interference in the decision to mothball (and possible close) despite the Prime Ministers stated love for cycleways – yeah right!

ONTRACK RORTS ADDITIONAL PAID SICK LEAVE

Recently an RMTU member's wife became seriously ill and needed care at home. The NZRC-Ontrack Collective Agreement specifically caters for this eventuality in clause 12.27. The clause provides for additional paid sick leave in certain circumstances once your accrued sick leave is exhausted. It states that Ontrack will give "favourable consideration" i.e. grant it, if the criteria of "*Serious Illness or fatigue/Stress that could affect safety*" is met.

In this case there is no question that the criteria has been met and yet Ontrack management got the employee concerned (without Union representation) to agree to a 50/50 split between additional paid sick leave and the use of his annual leave for the other 50%. There is no explanation for this anti Union behaviour, which is surprising, as Ontrack is putting a lot of resources into building a positive working relationship with the RMTU.

The point here is that annual leave is for staff to rest and refresh themselves (The Holidays Act makes this very clear). Sick and domestic leave (accrued or additional paid) is to take care of yourself or someone who depends on you when you, or they are sick. The two are mutually exclusive and cannot be used together in our view. You can't rest and refresh yourself while taking care of a seriously ill partner, this flies in the face of common sense and logic.

Ontrack has used this rort simply to reduce their leave bank, and save a few bob on what they should have rightly paid as additional paid sick leave, and in doing so

have disadvantaged a long serving employee at the time he needs support and assistance. The lessons are simple:

- Read clause 12.0 onward in the Collective Agreement, so you know your rights.
- Don't attend meetings with managers without representation.
- Don't agree to use your accrued annual leave for anything other than leave.
- If you have a genuine case, take your delegate and request additional paid sickleave.
- If your request is declined, contact your Union organiser and request the issue be escalated.

The RMTU has lodged a formal dispute with the employer.



MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE NOT ENOUGH

The increase in the minimum wage of just 25c to \$12.75 per hour is mean, said Council of Trade Unions President Helen Kelly today. "If this is the rate at which we intend to catch up with Australian wages then we will never get there," she said.

"The increase to \$12.75 from 1 April is an annual increase of only 2 per cent. That is barely enough to compensate for inflation, and may not be enough even for that." The NZIER consensus inflation forecast is 2.3 per cent for the year to March 2010. The average wage rose 2.8 per cent in the six months to September 2009 alone.

"This decision will leave low paid workers even further behind. We need to be reducing income inequalities not increasing them," said Kelly.

"Providing higher wages to low paid workers stimulates the economy, which is only just emerging from recession. It also benefits hundreds of thousands of workers and their families, and many more are on low wages which are influenced by the minimum wage. It is untrue that increases in the minimum

wage cost jobs. Much higher increases in the minimum wage in recent years have occurred while employment was maintained at record high levels."

"The NZIER consensus forecast for the increase in private sector wages to March 2010 is 3.5 per cent. If this turns out to be correct, the minimum wage will actually fall as a percentage of the average wage. This means low paid workers are going backwards not forwards."

"Workers who live on the minimum wage are already struggling as the Government itself has publicly acknowledged. To set this increase at the absolute minimum will increase their difficulties in the coming year and is very unfair," said Kelly. "The CTU believes the minimum wage should be two thirds of the average wage and as an interim step should immediately rise to \$15. We will continue to campaign for this."

Minimum Wage increases 2008-10

- 1 April 2008 increased to \$12.00, an increase of 6.7 per cent. It was 51 per cent of the average wage (\$23.49).
- 1 April 2009 increased to \$12.50, an increase of 4.2 per cent. It was 51 per cent of the average wage (\$24.73).
- 1 April 2010 (assuming that is the date the new rate takes effect) \$12.75 is an increase of 2.0 per cent. That will be 50 per cent of the average wage if the NZIER consensus forecast for wage increases is correct.

Inflation (CPI) 2009-10

- Latest (year to December 2009) is 2.0 per cent
- Reserve Bank forecasts 1.8 per cent to March 2010
- NZIER consensus forecast is 2.3 per cent to March 2010
- Wage increases 2009-10
- Average wage rose 2.8 per cent between March 2009 and September 2009 alone (i.e. just six months)

- (\$24.73 to \$25.42). (Sept is latest available.) It rose 5.1 per cent in the year to September 2009 and 5.3 per cent in the year to March 2009.
- NZIER consensus forecast is 3.5 per cent increase in private sector wages to March 2010.
- Labour Cost Index rose 2.1 per cent in the year to Sept 2009 (latest) (0.8 per cent in the six months March to Sept).



- In Sept quarter, among the 47 per cent of wage and salary earners who got a pay increase, the average rise was 4.8 per cent and median 4.0 per cent .

- Reserve Bank forecasts 1.5 per cent increase in the LCI in the year to March 2010.

ACC CUTS UNDERMINE FAIRNESS OF COMPENSATION SCHEME

Information that ACC is targeting "high-cost" clients with a view to reducing costs of the scheme is a worrying prospect for all present and future claimants, said CTU President Helen Kelly. It is something that is also likely to increase if the proposed ACC Bill is passed into law.

"So-called 'high cost' clients are the most likely to have suffered very serious injuries," said Kelly. "Instead of targeting them simply on the basis of cost, ACC should be developing its services to ensure these accident victims get the best support to rehabilitate them and return them to work. Reports that many of those moved off ACC are simply being shifted to the Unemployment Benefit shows that real rehabilitation has not taken place. The ACC promise is that the injured will have access to complete rehabilitation and compensation to assist them back to a normal life in exchange for losing the right to sue. If ACC starts treating these people as a cost rather than a responsibility then the essence of the scheme is lost."

"The regime of cost cutting and over-zealous pruning of entitlements has been going on since this government came into power," said Kelly. "It is driven by a desperation to paint a picture of an organisation in 'crisis' through the misleading focus on actuarial liabilities. For the sake of a better bottom line people are being thrown off of ACC onto benefits."

"I suspect the Government is also cynically trying to turn public opinion against the corporation and the scheme itself by forcing it to take these unpopular and unprincipled actions. People must know that it is the Government driving these unfair cutbacks. It is also obvious that plans to privatise ACC require the cuts to be made now to make the prospects of buying into ACC more enticing for insurance companies."

"All New Zealand citizens rely on ACC for themselves and their families when an accident occurs. Many people will be very worried about these latest revelations."

ANNUAL CPI NOW AT 3.4%

Statistics NZ latest release on the Consumers Price Index (CPI) shows a decrease of 0.5 percent in the December 2008 quarter. The CPI increased 3.4 percent for the year to the December 2008 quarter. In the December quarter, petrol prices were down 22.4 percent. If petrol and diesel prices had remained unchanged from the September 2008 quarter, the CPI would have increased 0.9 percent. However, food prices for the quarter (up 1.5 percent) made a significant upward contribution to the CPI in the December 2008 quarter, driven by higher prices for meat, poultry and fish (up 6.3 percent) and grocery food (up 2.6 percent).

The housing and household utilities (up 0.6 percent) and recreation and culture (up 1.5 percent) groups also made significant upward contributions, driven by overseas package holidays (up 7.5 percent) and electricity (up 2.0 percent). Prices for the purchase of new housing (down 0.2 percent) fell for the first time since the March 1999 quarter.

For the annual CPI increase, the food group (up 9.4 percent) accounted for half the annual increase, driven by grocery food prices (up 11.2 percent). The housing and household utilities group (up 4.3 percent), with higher prices for electricity (up 7.7 percent), also made a significant contribution. However, petrol prices fell 4.8 percent over the year.

The Food Price Index was also updated today. Monthly food prices fell by 0.2 percent in December 2008. The most significant contribution to the decrease came from the fruit and vegetables subgroup (down 3.9 percent), driven by lower prices for tomatoes (down 48.4 percent), broccoli (down 45.3 percent), and lettuce (down 17.7 percent). These decreases were partly offset by higher prices for apples (up 22.1 percent) and kiwifruit (up 27.8 percent).

The main upward contribution to the food price index came from higher prices for the grocery food subgroup (up 0.9 percent) in the December 2008 month. Within the subgroup, the main contributors were bread (up 3.7 percent), and cakes and biscuits (up 2.2 percent). For the year to December 2008, food prices rose by 9.1 percent.

UNIONISATION RATES IN JAPAN

Increased during 2009 for the first time since 1975, reported the government's recently released Basic Survey on Labour Unions conducted in June last year. Estimated 18.5 percent of all employees belonged to unions, up 0.4 points from the previous year.



According to news reports, increased membership among non-permanent workers, on top of a shrinking labour population, is considered to have contributed to the rise in percentage. Government survey found the number of union members nationwide totaled 10.078 million. Among industries, accommodation and food services experienced the highest jump in union membership of 11.2, followed by a 6.9 percent increase for wholesale and retail industry and 4 percent for transport and postal services. Unionisation in construction and public service went down by 3.1 percent.

CUT IN TOP PERSONAL TAX RATE NOT PRIORITY - CTU

The Report of the Tax Working Group hints that the Government could move in this year's Budget on a risk free return tax method on investment property along with changes to depreciation on buildings and thin capitalisation to make room for reductions in personal income tax. But the CTU says that cutting the top rate of income tax should not be a priority.

Peter Conway, CTU Secretary, said: "The report sets out a range of options across a number of different areas of tax and has now raised expectations that the Government will act in Budget 2010."

Conway, who attended several of the Working Group sessions, said: "The CTU supports forms of capital gains tax except on private homes, believes that action must be taken to address the current situation where \$220 billion of investment property gets a tax credit of around \$500 million, and we could also support a land tax depending on an effective exemption for modest value holdings."

"However we are completely opposed to raising GST and we note that company tax rates have already been reduced in the last few years."

Conway added that broadening the tax base does not mean there should automatically be reductions in the top personal income tax rate. The report does not address equity issues, whereas one option is to argue for a more progressive tax system like Australia's. Personal tax

rates here are among the lowest in the OECD, and there is a need to maintain strong public services. Also, those on higher incomes benefitted most from the personal tax changes the Government implemented in April 2009.

"The Tax Working Group, led by Bob Buckle, has taken an inclusive approach, seeking views from a range of people. The Government needs to consider how to take a similarly inclusive approach, notwithstanding the Budget process," concluded Conway.



SUSPENDED THAI RAILWAY WORKERS MUST GET THEIR JOBS BACK

The International Transport Workers' Federation has welcomed the findings of an industrial relations body in Thailand that railway union officials who took part in industrial action should not be dismissed. On Friday, Thailand's tripartite State Enterprise Labour Relations Committee voted on five to four against the sackings of six union officials of the Hat Yai Branch of the ITF-affiliated State Railway Workers' Union of Thailand (SRUT).

The trade unionists were suspended on 28 October 2009 after taking part in industrial action that was geared to highlight urgent safety concerns on the railways. The committee finding came at the end of a week-long mission by a high-level ITF delegation that visited Thailand to investigate this case and monitor safety standards in the railways. The ITF delegation welcomed the decision and urged the railway company to respect it by reinstating the six workers immediately. "This is clearly the right decision; we sincerely hope the railway company sees sense and refrains from appealing" said ITF inland transport sections secretary Mac Urata.

Urata added that the ITF was also demanding that the company withdraw the US\$9.1 million damages claim that it made against the union following the October stoppages.

"The company must redress its anti-union policy. Any further victimisation of the rail union and its members will be met with strong international protests" he said.

The ITF mission concluded that the company needed to promote good industrial relations and a positive safety culture that involved unions and it called on railway management to work together with railway workers and their union to this end. It also urged the company immediately to install critical of safety equipment.

FILL IN THAT ACCIDENT FORM!!!!!!

If you injure yourself at work, no matter how minor the injury may seem, it is extremely important you fill in your companies accident/injury form. This is important as

* Your company has formal notification you injured yourself at work.

* it means your company can then look at whether work practises need altering and whether hazards in your work area are under acceptable control

The RMTU is currently dealing with several cases where members didn't fill in injury forms at work. They meant to, but didn't! Subsequently their injuries got worse. Their employers refused to later accept they were work injuries as no injury forms were filled in.

METHYL BROMIDE BAN NEEDED NOW

The Council of Trade Unions is calling for the use of methyl bromide to be completely banned in New Zealand as evidence mounts that it puts worker health and safety at serious risk. Methyl bromide is used for the pre-export fumigation of logs.

Professor Ian Shaw, toxicologist and Pro-Vice-Chancellor at the University of Canterbury, asserts that methyl bromide may have caused motor neurone disease in Nelson port workers after a cluster of deaths from the disease (see New Zealand Herald, Monday 25 January). Nelson's port population has suffered a rate of motor

neurone disease 25 times the international average.

The European Parliament has banned the use of methyl bromide in the EU from 18 March 2010 for environmental and health reasons. This goes beyond the requirements of the Montreal Protocol (to which NZ is a signatory) banning the use of methyl bromide, with the single exception of pre-shipment fumigation of export logs. As well as its toxicity, methyl bromide is 60 times more destructive to ozone on an atom-per-atom basis than the chlorine from CFCs.

"There is no evidence to justify any human exposure level to methyl bromide," said CTU President Helen Kelly. "This neurological poison could have caused the fatal motor neurone disease in six Port Nelson workers, and its ozone depleting status means it is hazardous to us all."

"Four of New Zealand's five major importers of whole logs - China, Japan, Malaysia and Korea - will officially accept timber fumigated with phosphine, so why are we still exposing our workers to this potentially deadly poison? Its continued use could also damage our international reputation because it is contrary to our obligations under the Montreal Protocol. Despite the concession of fumigation the Protocol urges New Zealand to refrain from the use of methyl bromide and to use non-ozone-depleting technologies wherever possible."

"New Zealand should follow the EU's lead and not only reduce the risks of methyl bromide exposure to human health but also reduce the destructive effect on the ozone layer which exposes all of us to harmful UV radiation."

METHYL BROMIDE FACTSHEET

Parties to the Montreal Protocol are urged "to refrain from use of methyl bromide and to use non-ozone-depleting technologies wherever possible" and the parties are also urged "to minimize emissions and use of methyl bromide through containment and recovery and recycling methodologies to the extent possible"

There are much safer alternatives to methyl bromide including heat treatment, irradiation, water soaking debarking microwave treatment, phosphone, methyl

isothiocyanate/sulfuryl fluoride mixture, methyl iodide and cyanogens.

The bromine from methyl bromide is 60 times more destructive to ozone on an atom-per-atom basis than the chlorine from CFCs.

The European Parliament banned the use of methyl bromide from 18 March 2010 because it recognised the gain to be made in environmental and health benefits. The EU went beyond the Montreal protocol and led by example.

The export log/sawn timber industry uses nearly 80% of the methyl bromide used in NZ.

Four of New Zealand's five major importers of whole logs: China, Japan, Malaysia and Korea will officially accept logs fumigated with phosphine. However India still requires that logs are fumigated with methyl bromide.

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PROPOSED NEW CODES OF PRACTICE

The following two codes of practice are being consulted on:

1. Fibre Reinforced Compressed Gas Cylinders to ISO 11119-2

An application has been made to ERMA New Zealand for the code of practice Fibre Reinforced Compressed Gas Cylinders to ISO 11119-2 to be approved under Regulation 10(c) of the Hazardous Substances (Compressed Gases) Regulations 2004.

The code of practice is available on the ERMA New Zealand website at:

<http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/hs/compliance/codesofpractice.html>

Written submissions in relation to the approval of this code can be made by mail, facsimile or email to:

Code of Practice Submissions, Hazardous Substances Group, ERMA New Zealand, PO Box 131, Wellington 6140. Facsimile: (04) 914 0433. Email:

submissions@ermanz.govt.nz

Submissions close on 26 February 2010.

A copy of the code can be inspected at the Wellington office of ERMA New Zealand, Level 1, BP House, 20 Customhouse Quay, Wellington.

2. Code of Practice for the Storage of Class 3 Flammable Liquids in Retail Hardware Stores

An application has been made to ERMA New Zealand for approval of the code of practice Storage of Class 3 Flammable Liquids in Retail Hardware Stores under Schedule 10, Clause 33(1)(b) of the Hazardous Substances (Dangerous Goods and Scheduled Toxic Substances) Transfer Notice 2004 (as amended).

The code of practice is available on the ERMA New Zealand website at:

<http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/hs/compliance/codesofpractice.html>

Written submissions in relation to the approval of this code can be made by mail, facsimile or email to:

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Submissions close on 25 February 2010.

A copy of the code can be inspected at the Wellington office of ERMA New Zealand, Level 1, BP House, 20 Customhouse Quay, Wellington.

Let's Be Safe Out There & Remember.....

"WE'RE STRONGER TOGETHER"!

