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GLOBAL HELP FOR WORKERS HEALTH & SAFETY IN SHIPBUILDING

Expert representatives of governments, employers and workers gathered at the ILO in Geneva, Switzerland, during January, to revise a code of practice on safety and health in shipbuilding and ship repair.

IndustriALL Global Union coordinated the trade union experts' participation, drawn from six countries: Australia, Chile, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, and Singapore.

The shipbuilding and repair industries have been facing serious overcapacity which has caused market distorting practices, severe cost competition and an increase in precarious workers. Under these circumstances, safety and health has often been neglected, and many serious accidents at shipyards have been reported to IndustriALL.

The approach of the worker's group at the ILO was based on the fundamentals of worker representation and:

- The right to KNOW about the hazards of their work
- The right to PARTICIPATE fully and the right to representation
- The right to REFUSE OR STOP unsafe work without fear of repercussions.

Kan Matsuzaki, Director Shipbuilding and Shipbreaking at IndustriALL, said:

"We welcome this improved code which now covers contract and sub-contract workers. Importantly, there is a lot of content that can be used for shipbreaking workers."

All the participants at the meeting held a minute's silence as a mark of condolence for the Italian workers who lost their lives on 16 January. Three workers died after inhaling toxic fumes while cleaning an oven at the Lamina factory, which produces metal products for shipbuilding.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY NEWS

FEBRUARY 2018

Coming Up – Governments are reviewing the WHS Act.

During March and early April 2018 HSRs will have a chance to suggest improvements to the Work Health and Safety Act – which applies everywhere except WA and Victoria.

It's an opportunity for HSRs to send a message to governments about the importance of the WHS Act, including its strengths and weaknesses.

Please make sure the AMWU has your correct contact details so we can send you information and links on how to have your say.



What is your workplace planning for Workers Memorial Day on April 28?

Every year, on this day, we commemorate those who have lost their lives or been injured as a result of their work.

PLEASE PLACE ON NOTICEBOARD

Southern areas

Due to variable temperatures
many workers are not acclimatised.

30°–32°

10 minutes rest
every hour

32°–35°

15 minutes rest
every hour

35°–38°

30 minutes rest
every hour

OVER 38°

Rest in a ventilated
area until less
than 38° Celsius



Hotter parts of the country

36°–38°

10 minutes rest
every hour

38°–40°

15 minutes rest
every hour

40°–42°

30 minutes rest
every hour

OVER 42°

45 minutes break
every hour and no more
than 2 hours at this
temperature



**Working during
heat waves can
be dangerous.**

It's important to:

- Change the type of work done
- Change the hours of work
- Change the pace of work
- Rest in cool areas
- Keep hydrated.

SIZZLING HOT?

