

HEADLINES

TO KEEP IN MIND

Low stocks of hepatitis B vaccines and obligatory vaccination

Vaccination should preferentially be available for healthcare personnel and those who have never previously been vaccinated. The decree of 2 March 2017 suspends appendices I and II of the decree of 2 August 2013.

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In response to the low stocks of hepatitis B vaccines, this decree sets out the conditions for inoculation of the persons mentioned in article L. 311-4 of the French Public Health Code.

Decree No. 2017-812 of 5 May 2017, revising and completing the occupational disease tables, appended to book IV of the French Social Insurance Code

For the general social insurance regime, this decree modifies parts D and E of table No. 57, table No. 79 and creates tables Nos. 52b and 99.

EFICATT (Fortuitous occupational exposure to an infectious agent and procedure to implement) becomes a database

In 2017, a complete overhaul of the EFICATT (Fortuitous occupational exposure to an infectious agent and procedure to implement) guide provides easier access to the information it contains.

Occupational diseases: overhaul of the database

Comments are exploited to make the regulatory tables more explicit and to make them easier to use and understand.

INRS INNOVATIONS

CONTRIBUTE TO RESEARCH

- Characterisation of indoor air quality in non-food retail spaces or storage areas
- Personal air sampler for measuring exposures to sulphuric acid
- Assessing occupational exposure to DiNP and its effects on plasma testosterone concentrations
- Assessment of how chemicals can be transferred from work surfaces to workers: characterisation of occupational exposure linked to contact with work surfaces

KNOWLEDGE AND REFERENCES

BROAD VIEW

INRS toxicological factsheets to help draft emergency protocols: harmonisation of the medical recommendations and help with prevention

The proposal of standard phrases for chemical-related hazards can help when drafting protocols, in particular the recommendations about what to do in an emergency.

FIELD VIEW

Infectious risks in pet-breeding facilities

A review of the biological risks and preventive measures noted during observation of a workstation provides a platform to suggest improvements.

FOLLOWED FOR YOU

Prevention of psychosocial risks: a team effort!

The 2nd study day for the Reliance et Travail association debated how psychologists have appropriated the prevention of psychosocial risks and a culture of interdisciplinary intervention.

Ergonomics/ergonomist(s): what has changed at the interface between a discipline and a job?

The 51st French-speaking Ergonomics Society conference focused on how ergonomics and the work of ergonomists has changed in response to occupational and societal transformations.

Non-standard hours. INRS technical day

More than half of French people are affected by non-standard hours. This day reviewed the health effects and the recommended preventive measures.

Epidemiology in occupational health: 17th ADEREST (Association for the development of epidemiological studies and research in occupational health) symposium

The health effects of non-standard hours, the cancer risk in the AGRICAN (Agriculture and cancer) cohort, and how occupational health knowledge is appropriated by occupational health prevention professionals were addressed.

CLOSE-UP

Cytomegalovirus infection: what is the current stance?

Although the advantages of systematic screening are debated, recommendations to observe strict hygiene and provide information to pregnant women are endorsed by consensus.

REFERENCE TOOLS

RADIOPROTECTION: RESEARCH SECTOR

Occupational asthma in relation to sulfites

Sulfites are used in a number of occupational sectors, in particular for their antiseptic and anti-oxidant properties.

PSYCHOSOCIAL HAZARDS

Dutch Work Addiction Scale - DUWAS

This scale can be used to assess the psychological impact of work by measuring the degree of addiction to work (workaholism).

YOUR QUESTIONS/OUR ANSWERS

Addictive practices and assessment of occupational risks

How can this risk be included in the occupational risk assessment document?

INRS toxicology factsheets

How should the «Uses» paragraph be updated?

Workers with medical implants exposed to electromagnetic fields

What are the consequences for their classification as «workers exposed to specific risks»?

WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August 2017 to June 2018

TRAINING

Training sessions

FOR YOUR PERUSAL

Selection of books and articles

LEGAL

Official texts relating to occupational health and safety, published between 1st February and 11 May 2016