

## Effectiveness Measures - Q4/2017 Reports Table of Contents

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2	<b>Preliminary Incident and Full Incident Investigations Policies Approved</b>	The revised sections each require an employer to ensure that a report of the preliminary investigation and a report of the full investigation is prepared in accordance with the policies of the Board of Directors applying to all inspections occurring on and after May 27, 2015 until the end of December 31, 2015.	May 27, 2015	3 of 5
3	<b>OHS Penalty Policies</b>	On January 26, 2016, the Board of Directors approved changes to the OHS Penalty Policies, following consultation in the fall of 2015.  These include: a) Overall changes to streamline, clarify, and update existing policies. b) Changes to penalty amount calculations to make penalties more proportionate relative to an employer's size and the seriousness of the circumstances.  The following policies were amended: a) D12-196-1 OHS Penalty Criteria b) D12-196-3 Transfer of OHS History c) D12-196-6 OHS Penalty Amounts d) D24-73-1 Claims Cost Levies  In addition Policy D8-160-1 (First Aid - Special Rate of Assessment) was deleted. The policy changes apply to all violations on and after March 1, 2016.	March 1, 2016	2 of 4
4	<b>Flow piping systems</b>	On March 30, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the OHS regulations.  The amendments would eliminate the need for variance requests related to the flow piping restraint issue and also ensure clarity with the other provisions in section 23.69 relating to flow piping systems.	August 1, 2017	1 of 2
5	<b>Storage racks</b>	On March 30, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the OHS regulations.  The OHSR would have specific requirements for steel storage racks to ensure existing and new storage racks are designed, installed, used, inspected, and maintained to safely support items on the racks.	January 1, 2018	1 of 4
6	<b>Asbestos inventory</b>	On January 25, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the OHS regulations. Section 6.4 - Asbestos inventory  The proposed amendments would ensure asbestos inventories are completed for all workplaces with asbestos-containing materials. As a result, the risk assessments based on these inventories would be accurate. This would prevent workers from being inadvertently exposed to asbestos fibres.	May 1, 2017	1 of 4
7	<b>Lead</b>	On January 25, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the OHS regulations. Section 6.59.1 to 6.69 - Lead  This section applies to workplace where a worker is or may be: (a) engaged in a lead process, or (b) exposed to potentially harmful levels of inorganic lead dust, fumes or mists. The amendments would provide greater clarity on how to handle lead and prevent worker exposure to lead.	May 1, 2017	1 of 2
8	<b>Respirable crystalline silica and rock dust</b>	On January 25, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the OHS regulations. Section 6.110 to 6.112.7 - respirable crystalline silica and rock dust  Sections 6.112 to 6.112.7 apply to a workplace where a worker is or may be: (a) engaged in the silica process, or (b) exposed to potentially harmful levels of RCS dust. The proposed amendments would likely prevent RCS dust exposures from becoming an occupational health and disease issue like asbestos in the decades to come, which may contribute to preventing and minimizing worker exposure.	May 1, 2017	1 of 4
9	<b>Construction, excavation and demolition - Notice of Project</b>	On January 25, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the OHS regulations. Section 20.2 - notice of project  The amendments would result in an increase in the number of construction projects involving asbestos/lead abatement work and similar activities requiring NOPs to be submitted to WorkSafeBC. In turn, officers would be more aware of construction projects involving hazardous substances.  There should be an increase in the number of inspections by officers of construction sites where workers may be exposed to asbestos, lead or other substances presenting a significant risk for occupational disease.	May 1, 2017	1 of 4

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11	<b>Nerve entrapments and tendinopathies of the arm, neck and shoulder</b>	<p>The amendments are to consolidate and clarify guidance on adjudication of ASTD claims generally, including:</p> <p>Clarifying and updating medical terminology;  Updating the general risk factors for adjudicating all ASTD claims; and  Having all the general guidance for adjudicating ASTD claims moved into an introductory policy.</p>	March 1, 2015	3 of 3
12	<b>Clothing Allowance</b>	<p>On May 25, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to Chapter 10 section 82 for clothing allowance.</p> <p>Policy amended to provide additional clarification of the categories in the clothing allowance table; more guidance on what type of brace qualifies for an allowance; clarification that an allowance is payable under one category only and the method and timing of payments is updated.</p>	January 1, 2018	1 of 2
13	<b>Permanent Disability Evaluation Schedule ("PDES") - 2016 review</b>	<p>On March 30, 2017, the Board of Directors approved changes to the PDES schedule - Partial Loss of Range of Motion</p> <p>This project is an annual review of the PDES to clarify guidance to decision makers.</p>	May 1, 2017	1 of 2

**Amended Stop Work Orders Policy**

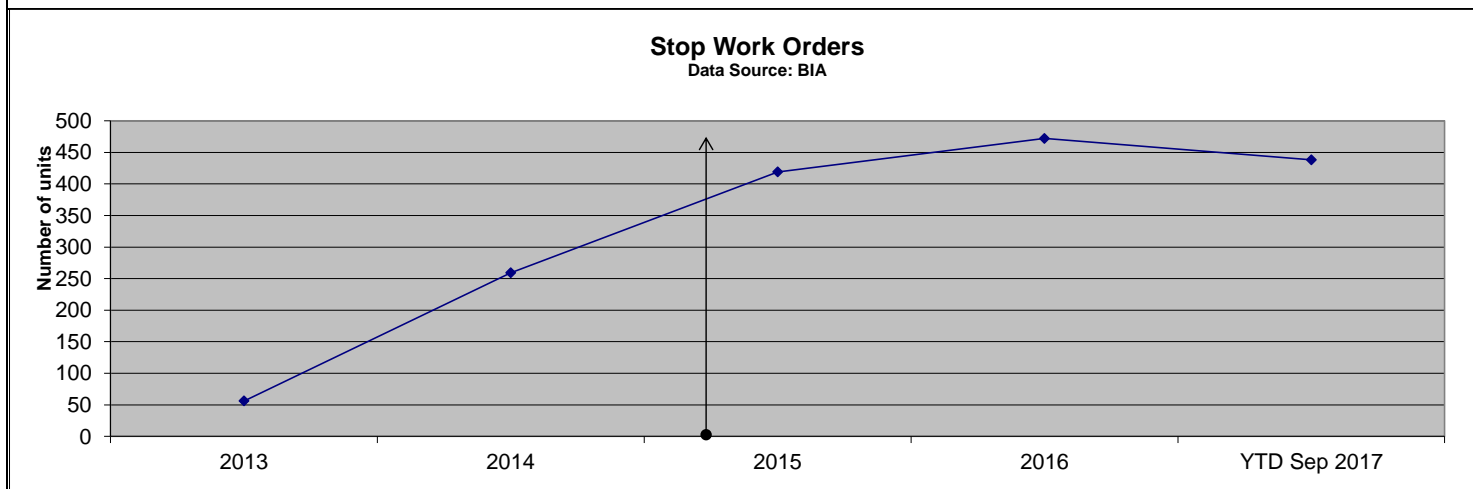
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The policy statements in the Prevention Manual around stop work orders are amended on an interim bases applying to all inspections occurring on and after May 27, 2015 until the end of December 31, 2015.	May 27, 2015	Changes to Policy D12-191-1 (Stop Work Orders) will provide additional guidance for using the new provisions set out in section 191. The new provisions: 1) expand the criteria and lower the threshold for issuing stop work orders, and 2) allow WorkSafeBC to stop work from starting at multiple locations for an employer.  Feedback from WorkSafeBC staff will demonstrate the effectiveness.

**Reporting:**

One Time Report

Multiple Reporting Years:

3 of 5 yrs (2015-2019)



**2015 Discussion:**

- Per feedback from the Prevention department, this policy has provided more flexibility for our prevention officers in regards to getting compliance from our employers.
- While this will likely result in an increased number of stop work orders, this number is still very small in comparison to the overall number of inspections done each year.

**2016 Discussion:**

This policy has provided more flexibility for our prevention officers in regards to getting compliance from our employers resulting in an increase in the number of stop work orders. By the end of 2016 the number of stop work orders is estimated to be higher than 2015. For the year to date in 2016, 4 Stop Operations Orders were issued. (1 Stop Operations Order was issued in 2015.)

**2017 Discussion:**

As anticipated, the number of stop work orders have increased from 2013, and has remained constant since the policy change. The increase in stop work orders results in more compliance from our employers.

**2015 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2016.

**2016 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2017.

**2017 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2018.

**Preliminary Incident and Full Incident Investigations Policies Approved**

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The revised sections each require an employer to ensure that a report of the preliminary investigation and a report of the full investigation is prepared in accordance with the policies of the Board of Directors applying to all inspections occurring on and after May 27, 2015 until the end of December 31, 2015.	May 27, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure the number of reports received by WorkSafeBC for preliminary and full incident investigations;</li> <li>• Feedback from WorkSafeBC staff and stakeholders would demonstrate the effectiveness of the policies.</li> </ul>

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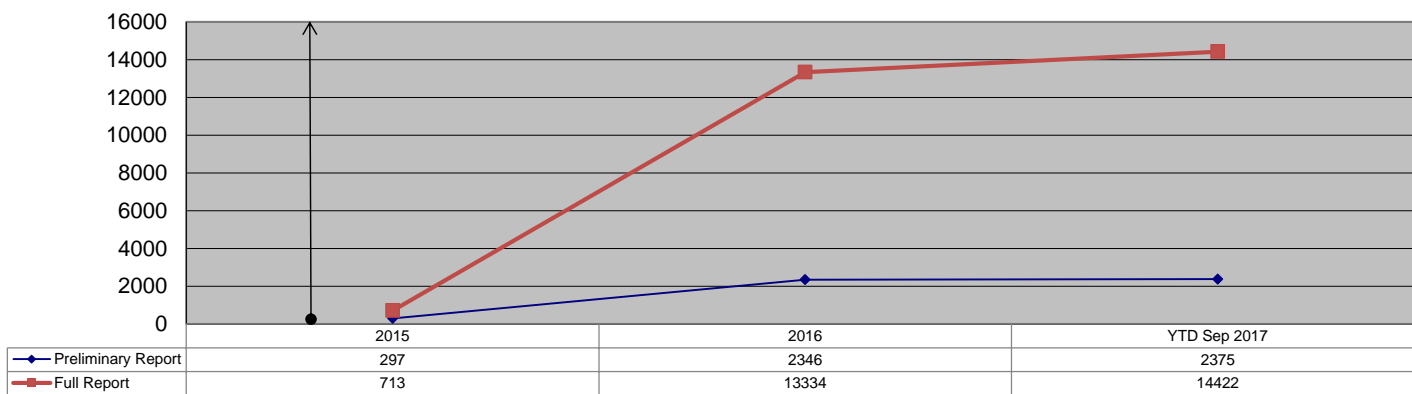
One Time Report

Multiple Reporting Years:

3 of 5 yrs (2015-2020)

**Preliminary and Full Incident Investigations Reports Received**

Data Source: BIA



**2015 Discussion:**

- The number of preliminary and full incident reports received are now being tracked since May 2015; we expect to see a large increase over the next 2 years on the number of reports received.
- Per feedback from the Prevention department, there is an employer incident investigation report (EIIR) database being developed to track all reports received and the initial focus will be for serious injury claims and following up with employers who have not complied.
- The next 2 years will provide us with more data and help us further understand the effectiveness of the change.

**2016 Discussion:**

- There is a significant increase in the number of preliminary and full incident reports received year to date compared to 2015. We are estimating close to 15,000 reports received by the end of the year.
- The EIIR database was developed in January 2016 and is tracking the reports received for follow up.

**2017 Discussion:**

The number of reports received continue to increase in 2017 from 2015. The data base enables us to track all the reports received and follow up with employer who have not complied.

**2015 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2016.

**2016 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2017.

**2017 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2018.

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<p>On January 26, 2016, the Board of Directors approved changes to the OHS Penalty Policies, following consultation in the fall of 2015.</p> <p>These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Overall changes to streamline, clarify, and update existing policies.</li> <li>b) Changes to penalty amount calculations to make penalties more proportionate relative to an employer's size and the seriousness of the circumstances.</li> </ul> <p>The following policies were amended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) D12-196-1 OHS Penalty Criteria</li> <li>b) D12-196-3 Transfer of OHS History</li> <li>c) D12-196-6 OHS Penalty Amounts</li> <li>d) D24-73-1 Claims Cost Levies</li> </ul> <p>In addition Policy D8-160-1 (First Aid - Special Rate of Assessment) was deleted.</p> <p>The policy changes apply to all violations on and after March 1, 2016.</p>	<p>March 1, 2016</p>	<p>The initial effectiveness measure will count the number of penalties imposed and the value imposed to give an average value of each penalty imposed. Over time, additional information will be added as it becomes available.</p>

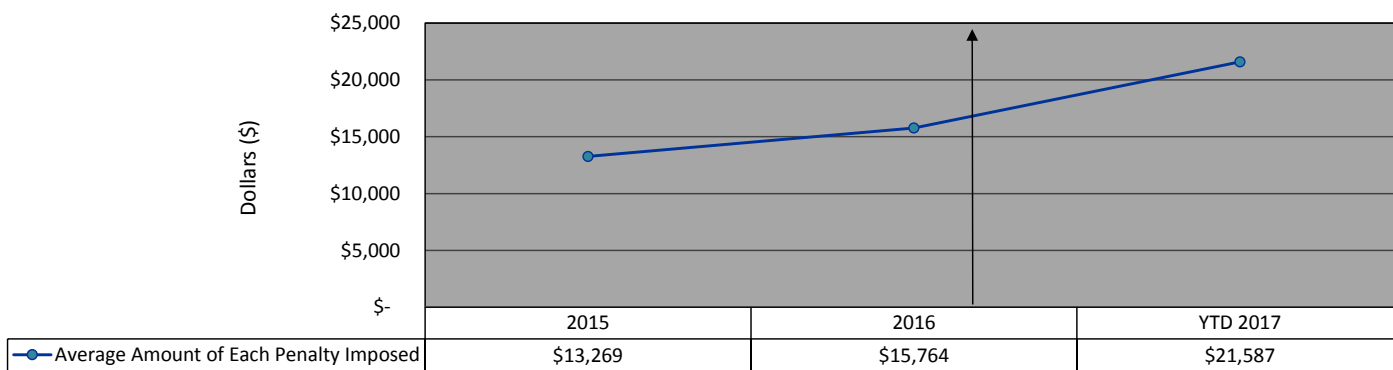
**Reporting:**

One Time Report

Multiple Reporting Years:

2 of 4 yrs (2016 - 2019)

**Average Amount of Each Penalty Imposed**



**2016 Discussion:**

It is too early to establish the effectiveness of this change.

**2017 Discussion:**

For 2017, the penalty amounts has a larger increase per penalty on the average since the policy change in 2015. This is an indication that penalties are more proportionate relative to an employer's size and the seriousness of the circumstances. There were 368 penalties imposed in 2016 and approximately the same number of penalties is expected for 2017 (293 YTD).

**2016 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2017.

**2017 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2018.

**Prevention Changes**  
**Flow Piping Systems**

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<p>On March 30, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the OHS regulations.</p> <p>The amendments would eliminate the need for variance requests related to the flow piping restraint issue and also ensure clarity with the other provisions in section 23.69 relating to flow piping systems.</p>	<p>August 1, 2017</p>	<p>The effectiveness measure will count the number of variance requests, there should be a decrease in requests related to the flow piping restraint issues.</p>
<p><b>Reporting:</b></p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> One Time Report <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple Reporting Years: 1 of 2 yrs (2017 - 2018)</span></p>		
<p><b><u>2017 Discussion:</u></b></p>		
<p>It is too early to establish the effectiveness of this change.</p>		
<p><b><u>2017 Conclusion:</u></b></p>		
<p>Next reporting Q4-2018.</p>		

**Storage Racks**

TOPIC/PART	EFFECTIVE DATE	MEASUREMENT OF EFFECTIVENESS
<p>On March 30, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the OHS regulations.</p> <p>The OHSR would have specific requirements for steel storage racks to ensure existing and new storage racks are designed, installed, used, inspected, and maintained to safely support items on the racks.</p>	<p>January 1, 2018</p>	<p>The effectiveness measure will review claim statistics and notice of incident reports arising from this section.</p>

**Reporting:**

One Time Report

Multiple Reporting Years:

1 of 4 yrs (2017 - 2020)

**2017 Discussion:**

It is too early to establish the effectiveness of this change.

**2017 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2018.

**Prevention Changes**  
**Asbestos Inventory**

TOPIC/PART	EFFECTIVE DATE	MEASUREMENT OF EFFECTIVENESS
<p>On January 25, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the OHS regulations. Section 6.4 - Asbestos inventory</p> <p>The proposed amendments would ensure asbestos inventories are completed for all workplaces with asbestos-containing materials. As a result, the risk assessments based on these inventories would be accurate. This would prevent workers from being inadvertently exposed to asbestos fibres.</p>	<p>May 1, 2017</p>	<p>A review of inspection reports and orders would help determine if asbestos inventories are being completed as required.</p>
<p><b>Reporting:</b></p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> One Time Report <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple Reporting Years: 1 of 4 yrs (2017 - 2020)</span></p>		
<p><b><u>2017 Discussion:</u></b></p>		
<p>It is too early to establish the effectiveness of this change.</p>		
<p><b><u>2017 Conclusion:</u></b></p>		
<p>Next reporting Q4-2018.</p>		



**Lead**

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<p>On January 25, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the OHS regulations. Section 6.59.1 to 6.69 - Lead</p> <p>This section applies to workplace where a worker is or may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) engaged in a lead process, or</li> <li>(b) exposed to potentially harmful levels of inorganic lead dust, fumes or mists.</li> </ul> <p>The amendments would provide greater clarity on how to handle lead and prevent worker exposure to lead.</p>	<p>May 1, 2017</p>	<p>Review anecdotal evidence from regulatory practices and prevention field services about questions related to this section. Questions on this issue should decrease over time.</p>
<p><b>Reporting:</b></p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> One Time Report <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple Reporting Years: 1 of 2 yrs (2017 - 2018)</span></p>		
<p><b><u>2017 Discussion:</u></b></p>		
<p>It is too early to establish the effectiveness of this change.</p>		
<p><b><u>2017 Conclusion:</u></b></p> <p>Next reporting Q4-2018.</p>		

**Respirable Crystalline Silica and Rock Dust**

TOPIC/PART	EFFECTIVE DATE	MEASUREMENT OF EFFECTIVENESS
<p>On January 25, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the OHS regulations. Section 6.110 to 6.112.7 - respirable crystalline silica and rock dust</p> <p>Sections 6.112 to 6.112.7 apply to a workplace where a worker is or may be:</p> <p>(a) engaged in the silica process, or</p> <p>(b) exposed to potentially harmful levels of RCS dust.</p> <p>The proposed amendments would likely prevent RCS dust exposures from becoming an occupational health and disease issue like asbestos in the decades to come, which may contribute to preventing and minimizing worker exposure.</p>	<p>May 1, 2017</p>	<p>Claim volumes on silicosis claims could be monitored as an effectiveness measure.</p>
<p><b>Reporting:</b></p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> One Time Report <span style="float: right;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple Reporting Years: 1 of 4 yrs (2017 - 2020)</span></p>		
<p><b><u>2017 Discussion:</u></b></p>		
<p>It is too early to establish the effectiveness of this change.</p>		
<p><b><u>2017 Conclusion:</u></b></p>		
<p>Next reporting Q4-2018.</p>		

**Construction, Excavation and Demolition - Notice of Project**

TOPIC/PART	EFFECTIVE DATE	MEASUREMENT OF EFFECTIVENESS
<p>On January 25, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the OHS regulations. Section 20.2 - notice of project</p> <p>The amendments would result in an increase in the number of construction projects involving asbestos/lead abatement work and similar activities requiring NOPs to be submitted to WorkSafeBC. In turn, officers would be more aware of construction projects involving hazardous substances.</p> <p>There should be an increase in the number of inspections by officers of construction sites where workers may be exposed to asbestos, lead or other substances presenting a significant risk for occupational disease.</p>	<p>May 1, 2017</p>	<p>The measure would be a review of numbers inspections and orders that would help determine if NOPs are being submitted as required.</p>

**Reporting:**

One Time Report

Multiple Reporting Years:

1 of 4 yrs (2017 - 2020)

**2017 Discussion:**

It is too early to establish the effectiveness of this change.

**2017 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2018.

**Underground Workings - Underground Supervisors**

TOPIC/PART	EFFECTIVE DATE	MEASUREMENT OF EFFECTIVENESS
<p>On January 25, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the OHS regulations. Section 22.12 - appointment of underground supervisors</p> <p>Since new sections 22.12 and 22.12.1 of the OHSR set out requirements to accommodate other qualifications or certifications acceptable to the Board, and describe the role of the underground working supervisor, there should be a decrease in the number of acceptances variance requests received.</p>	<p>May 1, 2017</p>	<p>The measure would be the number of acceptances variance request received.</p>

**Reporting:**

One Time Report

Multiple Reporting Years:

1 of 2 yrs (2017 - 2018)

**2017 Discussion:**

It is too early to establish the effectiveness of this change.

**2017 Conclusion:**

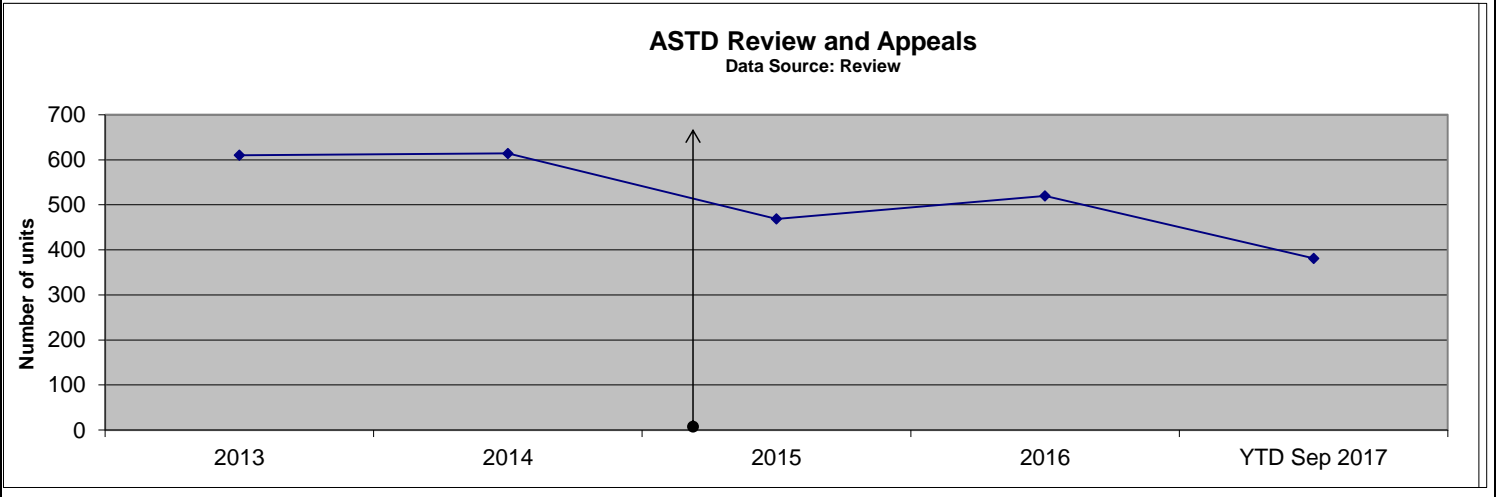
Next reporting Q4-2018.

**Nerve entrapments and tendinopathies of the arm, neck and shoulder**

TOPIC	EFFECTIVE DATE	MEASUREMENT OF EFFECTIVENESS
The amendments are to consolidate and clarify guidance on adjudication of ASTD claims generally, including:  Clarifying and updating medical terminology; Updating the general risk factors for adjudicating all ASTD claims; and Having all the general guidance for adjudicating ASTD claims moved into an introductory policy.	March 1, 2015	It is anticipated that updating and clarifying guidance on ASTDs would result in clearer, more consistent adjudication and fewer appeals.

**Reporting:**

One Time Report
  Multiple Reporting Years: 3 of 3 yrs (2015-2017)



**2015 Discussion:**

At YTD Sept 2015, there is expected to be fewer requests for review and appeals related to ASTDs in 2015.

**2016 Discussion:**

For 2016, the number of requests for reviews and appeals are expected to be approximately the same as 2015.

**2017 Discussion:**

The number of requests for 2017 is anticipated to remain the same as 2016. Providing clarity on the guidance on ASTDs has resulted in more consistent adjudication and fewer appeals.

**2015 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2016.

**2016 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2017.

**2017 Conclusion:**

Last reporting.

**Clothing Allowance**

TOPIC/PART	EFFECTIVE DATE	MEASUREMENT OF EFFECTIVENESS
<p>On May 25, 2017, the Board of Directors approved amendments to Chapter 10 section 82 for clothing allowance.</p> <p>Policy amended to provide additional clarification of the categories in the clothing allowance table; more guidance on what type of brace qualifies for an allowance; clarification that an allowance is payable under one category only and the method and timing of payments is updated.</p>	<p>January 1, 2018</p>	<p>A measure of the effectiveness would be from anecdotal feedback from workers and WorksafeBC staff.</p>

**Reporting:**

One Time Report

Multiple Reporting Years:

1 of 2 yrs (2018 - 2019)

**2017 Discussion:**

It is too early to measure this change.

**2017 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2018.

**Permanent Disability Evaluation Schedule (PDES)**

TOPIC/PART	EFFECTIVE DATE	MEASUREMENT OF EFFECTIVENESS
<p>On March 30, 2017, the Board of Directors approved changes to the PDES schedule - Partial Loss of Range of Motion</p> <p>This project is an annual review of the PDES to clarify guidance to decision makers.</p>	<p>May 1, 2017</p>	<p>A reduction on the number of claims in review and appeal on issues pertaining to permanent disability awards is anticipated.</p>

**Reporting:**

One Time Report

Multiple Reporting Years:

1 of 2 yrs (2017 - 2018)

**2017 Discussion:**

It is too early to establish the effectiveness of this change.

**2017 Conclusion:**

Next reporting Q4-2018.