

RISK MATRIX

CONSEQUENCE OF HAZARD	LIKELIHOOD OF HAZARD			
	High	Medium	Low	Negligible
Severe	High	High	Medium	Effectively zero
Medium	High	Medium	Medium/Low	Effectively zero
Low	Medium/Low	Low	Low	Effectively zero
Negligible	Effectively zero	Effectively zero	Effectively zero	Effectively zero

Definitions from the COSHH Regulations:

"hazard", in relation to a substance, means the intrinsic property of that substance which has the potential to cause harm to the health of a person, and "hazardous" shall be construed accordingly

"risk", in relation to the exposure of an employee to a substance hazardous to health, means the likelihood that the potential for harm to the health of a person will be attained under the conditions of use and exposure and also the extent of that harm