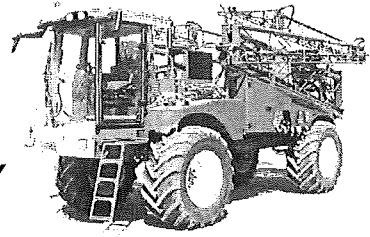


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H.M. Coroner for Surrey  
P/A to HM Coroner for Surrey

25 April 2016

Dear Sir,

I write in response to the prevention of future deaths report issued following the Inquest into the death of Alan Dimbleby. As I understand your report, it requests that consideration should be given to fitting operator seat restraints to self-propelled sprayers.

As I set out in my statement provided for the Inquest, there is no requirement for sprayers to have seat restraints. We have always focussed on making the cab enclosure as safe and secure as possible so that the driver is protected irrespective of whether they are wearing a seat restraint. In the report you acknowledge that the cabin of the sprayer was still intact and generally undamaged following the accident.

However, since I became aware of the circumstances of Mr Dimbleby's accident, I have changed the design of the cabs to include seat restraints and no vehicle leaves our workshop without one being fitted.

I hope that you find the action taken to be adequate and I am happy to discuss matters further with you if you think that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely,