

Cross Border Cooperation in Product Safety

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Parties involved

Producers/Trade

Placing safe products on the market

Consumers

Using safe products in a safe way

Government

Legislation and enforcement

Why Cross Border Cooperation

Consumer safety and trade are global issues and do need a global approach

International Bodies of Stakeholders

ICPHSO (International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organisation)

Based in the USA

Multi Stakeholder

Annual meeting in the US

Biannual meeting in another part of the world (Europe – Asia)

www.icphso.org

International Organisations of Authorities

Prosafe (closed)

- Product Safety Forum of Europe
- Informal nature
- Two meetings a year to discuss day to day problems
- Formal activities as applicant and executive office of joint actions.
- Outreach to stakeholders
- www.prosafe.org
- www.emars.eu

International Organisations of Authorities

-ICPSC

- International Consumer Product Safety Caucus
- Two meetings a year to discuss day to day problems
- Newsletters
- Workshops (Orlando Feb 2009, Stockholm Sept 2009
Washington DC Feb 2010)
- www.icpsc.org

ICPSC (1)

International Informal meeting of Market Surveillance Authorities around the world:

USA (CPSC)

China (AQSIQ)

Canada (Health Canada)

Australia

New Zealand

South America (Brasil)

South Korea

Japan

Europe (Member States, European Commission & Prosafe)

Market Surveillance Cooperation

Objective:

Build international Cooperation on Market surveillance issues by exchanging information and setting up joint activities.

Best Practices

Objective

Setting up a common methodology for market surveillance, e.g. by setting up joint projects

The Prosafe EMARS project can be seen as example.

Joint Actions in Europe

Prosafes applies for co-funded Joint Actions at the European Commission and executes the granted projects

EMARS I

EMARS II

Lighters

Toys

Cords and Drawstrings

Participants new applications

Number	11 (+1)	13	13 (PT with 2 authorities)	12 (+1)	13
	Helmets	Child Appealing Appliances	Baby Walkers	Followup Sunbeds	Followup Lighters
1. Austria			X		X
2. Belgium		X(partially)		X (partially)	
Bulgaria	expression of interest for participation in 2010 joint actions				
3. Cyprus	X	X	X	X	X
4. Czech Republic	X	X	X	X	X
Denmark		X	X	X	
5. Estonia		X			X
Finland	expression of interest for participation in 2010 joint actions				
6. France				X	
7. Germany	X	X	X(PL)	X	
8. Greece			X		X
9. Hungary				X	
Ireland	expression of interest for participation in 2010 joint actions				
Italy	no contact				
10. Latvia	X	X	X	X	
11. Lithuania	X	X	X(Partially)		
Luxembourg	expression of interest for participation in 2010 joint actions				
12. Malta		X	X		X
13. Netherlands	X	X (PL)	X(Partially)	X(PL)	X
14. Poland		X(partially)			
15. Portugal			X	X	
Portugal II			X (Parially)		
Romania	no contact				
16. Slovakia					X
17. Slovenia	X				X(Partially)
18. Spain	X				X
19. Sweden	X	X	X (Parially)		X
20. UK		X		X	
21. Iceland	X				X
22. Norway	X			X	X
23. Switzerland	*(OFS)		*(OFS)	X (OFS)	

Way Forward

- Combine efforts in the international field
 - ICPHSO for open exchange
 - ICPSC/Prosafe for market surveillance authorities
- Setting up links with groups in the different continents
- Setting up coordination of market surveillance through exchange of information.

Conclusions

In recent years major steps have been set towards a system of harmonized market surveillance in the area of product safety.

- This will enhance the health and safety of consumers

- This will enhance a level playing field for industry and trade.