

## Article 5

### Amendment of the Styrian Environmental Information Act (Steiermärkisches Umwetinformatiionsgesetz StUIG)

The Styrian Environmental Information Act Provincial Law Gazette No 65/2005, last amended by Provincial Law Gazette No 87/2013, shall be amended as follows:

1. *The following paragraph 5 shall be added to Section 4 para.4:*

“(5) The agency obliged to provide information can exclude certain parts of the security report according to Section 6 para. 1 of the Styrian Seveso Companies Act 2017 (Steiermärkisches Seveso-Betriebe Gesetz 2017), or of the register of hazardous substances, according to Section 4 para. 1 (3) of the Styrian Seveso Companies Act 2017, from disclosure for reasons of Article 4 of Directive No 2003/4/EC. In this case the company owner has to make accessible a modified report for example in the form of a non-technical summary, which contains at least general information about the hazards of severe accidents and about the possible effects on human health and the environment.”

2. *In section 5 para. 1 the following sentence shall be added:*

“If this clarification order is complied with, the request is considered to have been submitted on the day of the more precisely worded application at the agency obligated to provide information.”

3. *Section 5 para. 7 shall be deleted.*

4. *Section 6 para. 2 (1) shall read as follows:*

”1. international relations, the maintenance of public security or comprehensive national defence;”

5. *In Section 8 para. 1 the wording “upon application of the person searching for information” shall be deleted and the full-stop shall be replaced by a comma and “within two months” shall be added.*

6. *In Section 13 the wording “in the case of an incident” shall be replaced by the wording “in the case of a severe accident according to Section 2(13) of the Styrian Seveso Companies Act 2017”.*

7. *After Section 16 the following Section 16a shall be inserted:*

#### “Section 16a

#### References

Unless otherwise provided for in this Act references to provincial laws shall refer to the respective applicable version.”

8. *Section 17 shall read as follows:*

#### “Section 17

#### EU Law

This Federal Act transposes the following Directives:

1. Directive No 2003/4/EC: Directive 2003/4/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2003 on public access to environmental information OJ L 41 of 14 February 2003, p. 26);
2. Directive No 2012/18/EC: Directive No 2012/18/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances, amending and subsequently repealing Council Directive No 96/82/EC, OJ L 197 of 24 July 2013, p. 1”.

9. *Section 18a shall be designated paragraph “(1)” and the following paragraph “(2)” shall be added:*

(2) As amended by the Provincial Act Provincial Law Gazette No 61/2017 Section 4 para.5, Section 5 para. 1 and para.7 Section 6, para. 2 (1), Section 8, para. 1, Section 13, Section.16a, and Section 17 shall enter into force upon the day following their announcement, which shall be the **7<sup>th</sup> of July 2017**”.