



Upgrade of the ECE IAN System and results of electronic consultation of the Points of Contact

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Background

- Legal Background
 - Article 10 - Industrial accident notification systems
 - Article 17 – Competent authorities and points of contact
 - Annex IX - Industrial accident notification systems
- Regular tests and reviews of the effectiveness of the Industrial accident notification system





Web-based Industrial Accident Notification System

- Approved by the 4th Conference of the Parties (Decision 2006/3 increasing the effectiveness of and enhancing the communication procedures within the UNECE IAN system)
- Major upgrade in 2013 – 2014 with support from Switzerland
 - Improved interface
 - Improved reliability
- Active from June 2014





Web-based Industrial Accident Notification System

- National Focal Points and Points of Contact notified by the secretariat for the launch of the updated IAN System
- Points of Contact to update their registration in the IAN System
- New instructions for the use of the IAN System sent to the Points of Contact





Communications exercise

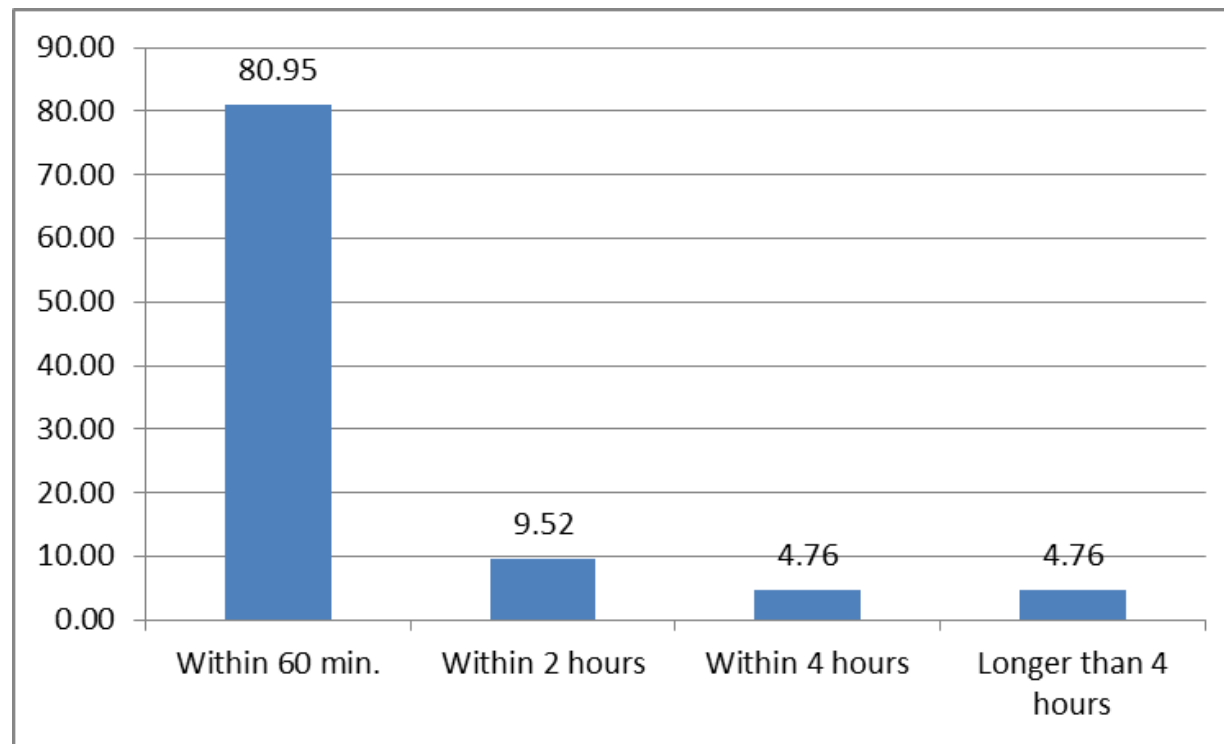
- Azerbaijan (for Russian speaking countries) and Bulgaria
 - 38 Countries, 43 Points of Contact (incl. ECE secretariat and UNEP/OCHA JEU)
 - 34 Parties and 4 Non-Parties
 - 26 Countries (30 Points of Contact) confirmed the receipt of the exercise report
 - 12 countries confirmed receipt of the report in less than 30 minutes





Communications exercise

- 62 % Point of contact response rate, 68 % country answer rate
- Slight improvement of the previous communication test exercise
- Significant improvement of the reaction time





Electronic consultation of the Points of Contact

- Held on 19 and 20 November
 - Internet teleconference
- Main points of discussion
 - How could the use rate of the IAN System be improved?
 - Do the Points of Contact need further training?





Possible actions to strengthen the mechanism for notification

- More frequent tests
- Training of the Points of Contact
- Update of the information of the Point of Contact
- Follow-up by the secretariat
- Update of the document «UNECE Industrial Accidents Notification System» (ECE/CP.TEIA/13)





Thank you for your attention!

