Sectoral Initiative on Equipment for Environments with Explosive Atmospheres (SIEEE)

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Overview of Presentation

- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6)
- Sectoral initiative on Equipment for Explosive Environments: aims and current status

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FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS:
- Human rights
- Narcotic drugs
- Crime prevention and criminal justice
- Sustainable development
- Etc.....

REGIONAL COMMISSIONS
- Economic Commission for Africa
- Economic Commission for Europe
- Economic Commission for Latin American and Caribbean
- Economic & Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- Economic & Social Commission for Western Asia

PROGRAMMES AND FUNDS
- UNCTAD
- UNDP
- UNEP
- UNICEF
- UNCDF
- .......

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- Forum for dialogue among regulators and policy makers
- Open to all UN Member States, business associations, standards-setting organizations, certification bodies, test houses, civil society, consumer organizations
- Promotion of Good Governance including dialogue and cooperation with the private sector and NGOs

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Conference on Risk Assessment and Management – to look at how RM tools can be used in policy decisions like:
- Choice of whether or not to regulate
- Choice of regulatory objectives and tools
- Choice of conformity assessment options
- Market surveillance
- Cooperation with private sector to achieve security and safety on markets and in firms

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PRODUCT LIFE-CYCLE

REGULATORY DIALOGUE

Product design
Harmonization of regulations
Production
Conformity assessment
Distribution
Market surveillance

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CROs (common regulatory objectives) address legitimate government concerns (public health, safety, protection of the environment, interoperability, etc).

- Reference to international standards
- Define:
  - how compliance is assessed
  - which conformity assessment bodies are recognized as competent,
  - what competence criteria are to be fulfilled
  - other flanking issues
**In practice:**

- Authorities decide to work together on a specific sector
- They agree on CROs
- They transpose the CROs into national technical regulations
- Then, when products have been assessed in the exporting country as compliant with the CROs they can automatically be sold in other markets with no further assessment.
Sectoral Initiatives underway

- Telecoms Equipment
- Earth Moving Equipment
- Equipment for Environments with Explosive Atmospheres
- Safety of pipelines
Sectoral Initiative on Environment for Explosive Atmosphere

- Aims at increasing safety for workers, final users and the environment
- Lowering barriers and costs to trade
- By increasing cooperation among policy makers
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Status of the initiative and next steps

- Started work in 2007
- Developed a questionnaire about regulatory in ex on major markets
- Collected replies from Australia, Brazil, the European Union, the Russian Federation, United States
- Developed a first draft of CROs
- Presented to you today for preliminary discussion

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