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Information Notice

Creation of Guidelines on Good Practices in Market Surveillance Activities

MARS, Advisory Group on Market Surveillance

UNECE Working Party 6

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Overview

The task: Elaboration and publication of guidelines on good practices in market surveillance activities

The aim: to assist countries with insufficiently developed market surveillance methods to select a model that would best suit them

The final outcome: The guidelines could be applied wherever structure for market surveillance activities is lacking or not efficient

The Project

Members of the MARS group would contribute to the guidelines, both regarding the content and also with suggestions on topics to be addressed

A reference group (within the MARS group) would be established to oversee the work

Possible cooperation with the Nordic Council of Ministers and EFTA (European Free Trade Association) as regards the Technical Assistance Fund

Contents of the Guidelines

- Terminology
- Legal framework
- Ways to facilitate exchange of information on best practices for market surveillance and enforcement activities
- Central market surveillance authorities role/duties

Contents (2)

- Consumers´ associations role/financing/structure
- Duty of manufacturers
- Cooperation with customs authorities
- Method of inspection of goods
- Role of standards

Contents (3)

- Operation/financing of laboratories
- Conformity assessment procedures
- The Trapex System
- Creation of a forum for a dialogue between key players in market surveillance activities

Timeline

Winter/summer 2004

Contacts with local authorities, compiling of information, preparation of possible "in field" meetings

Fall 2004

WP. 6 Annual Session (Geneva)
Introduction of the first draft guidelines