UNECE FORUM ON MARKET SURVEILLANCE

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Provisional agenda

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FORUM ON MARKET SURVEILLANCE

Opening of the Forum

09.45 Opening of the Forum (Mr. Paolo Garona, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE)

SESSION 1  MARKET SURVEILLANCE. OVERVIEW OF THE CONCEPT, PLAYERS AND OBJECTIVES

Presentations analyse a set of key issues, including:
- Concepts/tasks and organization of market surveillance
- Institutional challenges
- Legal framework (e.g. issues of withdrawal of products and traceability)

Introductory Remarks: Mr. Christer Arvius
Chairman, UNECE Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies

1 The Concept of Market Surveillance and its Specific Features
(Typology of Pre- and Post- Market Controls of Products)

Mr. Andrea Femrell
SWEDAC, Sweden

2 The outcome of the Berlin Conference on Market Surveillance

Mr. Christoph Brandt
Chairman, Working Committee for Market Surveillance, Germany

3 Market Surveillance in Russia

Mr. Boris Aleshin
Chairman, State Committee for Standardization and Metrology, Russia
4 Market Surveillance in the United States

US Consumer Product Safety Commission

5 Market Surveillance in the European Union: the Experience of a Member State

Finland
Mr. Seppo Ahvenainen
Deputy Director General, Ministry of Trade and Industry

Germany
Mr. Dirk Moritz
Deputy Head of the Unit, Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs

6 Role of Non-Governmental Players

Industry perspective

EICTA (European Industry Association on Information Systems, Communication Technologies and Consumer Electronics)

Consumer perspective

Mr. Heinz Willnat
Head, International Affairs, Consumer Foundation “Stiftung Warentest”

7 Debate on General Market Surveillance Issues
SESSION 2  IMPLEMENTING MARKET SURVEILLANCE AT THE SECTORAL LEVEL

Presentations analyse a set of key issues, including:
- Practice of enforcement (fines or voluntary settlement, etc.)
- Right of withdrawal of products (and traceability of future actions)
- Coordination and exchange of information (national and transboundary)
- “Education” of manufacturers, consumers
- Outstanding problems faced in market surveillance

1  Household Electrical Goods: Case Studies

**EU Member State**
Mr. Jan Roed
Head of Market Surveillance and Standardization
Electricity Council, Denmark

**CIS member country**
Mr. Sergei Losev
Head, “Gosnadzor” (Russian market surveillance body)

**CIS manufacturer**
Mr. Zahar Gorlovsky
Director, “Electromash” company, Ukraine

2  Debate on the Household Electrical Goods Sector

**LUNCH BREAK  13.00 – 14.45**

[14.15 Informal debate (without interpretation) for interested experts on the main issues raised during the Forum and on a draft set of possible conclusions]
SESSION 2 (continued) 14.45

3 Machinery Sector: Case Studies

Germany
Mr. Harald Riekeles
Rapporteur of CEN on Machinery Safety.

Slovakia
Mrs. Nadezda Machutova
General director, Slovak Trade Inspectorate.

Turkey
Mr. Ozcan Pekta
General Director, Directorate for Protection of Consumers and Competition, Turkey

4 Debate on the Machinery Sector

5 Cosmetics Sector: Case Studies

France
Mrs. Arila Pochet
Head of Cosmetic Products Department,
French Agency of Sanitary Security for Health Products (AFSSAPS)

Czech Republic
Mrs. Dagmar Jirova
Head, National Reference Centre for Cosmetics

Belarus
Mr. Valeri Koreshkov. President, State Committee for Standardization, Certification and Metrology

6 Debate on the Cosmetics Sector
SESSION 3 EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND COOPERATION

Presentations analyse a set of major key issues, including:

- Efficiency of existing systems
- Possibilities and proposals for their improvement

1 European Community
   (RAPEX alert system, safeguard clauses in EC Directives, etc.)

   Mr. Dirk Meijer
   Chairman, PROSAFE network
   (Inspectorate for Health Protection, Netherlands)

2 EU candidate countries (TRAPEX system, etc.)

   Dr. István Geri
   Deputy Director, General Inspectorate for Consumer Protection, Hungary

3 Information and cooperation: Governments and industry

   Presentation on ICSMS (“Internet Based Communication and Information Platform”):
   Mr. Peter Rost
   Coordinator of the ICF (Industry’s Contributors Forum);

   Mr. Dirk Von Locquenghien
   International Project Manager for ICSMS

4 Debate on Exchange of Information and Cooperation

17.45 CONCLUSIONS OF THE FORUM

18.00 END OF THE FORUM