

Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Awareness raising mission to Georgia

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Self-evaluating progress for the working
area 6: INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC
AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION with the
use of Indicators and Criteria

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Requirements of the Convention

Art. 9 (information to, and participation of the public)

- (1) the Parties shall ensure that adequate information is given to the public
- (2) the Parties shall ensure that the information contains elements listed in Annex VIII, but it may decide how information will be given
- (3) the Parties shall ensure that possibly affected public has opportunity to express its views and concerns participate in relevant procedures before decisions are being taken
- (4) the Parties shall ensure that the public of neighbouring country is given the equivalent opportunity to express its views and concerns

Annex VIII – information to the public

- the name, address of the HA
- simple explanation of HA operation
- information on hazardous substances
- general information about the possible industrial accidents
- how the population will be warned
- what should population do in the event of an accident
- information on internal /external emergency preparedness
- where additional information is available

2 indicators of progress for working area “PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PARTICIPATION”

First indicator:

mechanism to inform the public = set of procedures, implementation rules and actions to oblige CA and/or operators to give information to the public

Second indicator:

*mechanism to ensure public participation in relevant procedures
Set of procedures, implementation rules and actions to oblige CA to invite public to express their views and concerns*

Minimum elements of the mechanism for public information

1. Mechanism is adopted and introduced in the national legal framework, but not yet operational in practice.
2. The adopted mechanism defines the following as a minimum:
 - Parameters for determining the areas in which public needs to be informed
 - Who is responsible
 - Content of the information
 - How information will be given
 - Exceptions

Minimum elements of the mechanism to ensure opportunities for public participation

1. Mechanism is adopted and introduced in the national legal framework, but not yet operational in practice.
2. The adopted mechanism defines the following as a minimum:
 - Parameters for the definition of procedures that are relevant for public participation
 - Responsible authorities
 - When (time-frame) opportunities for public participation shall be ensured
 - The modalities of public participation (how?)
 - Responsibility of an authority to take public views, concerns into account when taking the decision
 - Responsibility of an authority to inform the public of the final decision with explanation on why it has/it has not taken public views and concerns into account