Overview of Chemical Legislation and related tasks of the Competent Authority for Chemicals in the Republic of Croatia-Ministry of Health

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Ministry of Health

- Directorate for Sanitary Inspection
- Department for Chemicals

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DNA-s for chemicals control in Croatia

- Ministry of Health (Chemicals Act, REACH- help desk, CLP, biocides, import and export of chemicals, detergents, Rotterdam convention, SAICM focal point)
- Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection-Conventions: Stockholm, Basel, emissions to air, Seveso, UNEP focal point)
- Ministry of Agriculture (PPP)
- Ministry of Economy (Chemical weapons)

Legislation on Chemicals Enacted so far in the Ministry of Health

- Chemicals Act (OG 150/05, 53/08, 49/11) preparing for the new Chemicals Act
- Act on Biocidal Products (OG 63/07, 35/08, 56/10)preparing for the Biocidal Regulation
- Rotterdam Convention (PIC) (International agreements OG 4/2007)
- National Chemical Safety Strategy (OG 143/08)preparing for the revision
- Competent Authority in Croatia- MH
- Sanitary Inspection- supervision on chemicals

Act on Implementation of Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH) Official Gazette 53/08

- Competent authority is the Ministry of Health
- Sanitary inspection is responsible for the supervision of chemicals
- Safety Data Sheet for chemicals is required in the Croatian language and in the Latin script
- Penalties are stipulated in case of violating the provisions of the Act
- The Act will come into force on the day of Croatia's accession to the European Union
- Transitional periods are forseen in the Accession Treaty in order to make industry competitive in the European Union market

Act on Implementation of Regulation (EU) 689/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council Concerning Export and Import of Dangerous Chemicals (OG 139/10)

- Competent authority is the Ministry of Health
- Sanitary inspection is responsible for the supervision of chemicals
- Ministry of Finance (Directorate for Customs) is responsible for customs supervision
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- The Act will come into force on the day of Croatia's accession to the European Union
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Act on biocidal products

- Amendments to the Act in line with the Directives 2007/47/EC and 2009/107/EC
- Ordinances implementing annexes to the Directive 98/8/EC
- List of biocidal products approved for placing on the market of the Republic of Croatia
- Preparing for tasks according to the Biocidal Regulation

List of dangerous chemicals whose marketing is forbidden or limited -in line with the Annex XVII of the REACH Regulation (OG 39/10, 37/11, 40/12))

Ordinance on Safety data sheet - in line with the Annex II of the REACH Regulation (OG 39/09, 74/11)

Ordinance on Classification, Labelling and Packaging of dangerous chemicals in line with the Directive 67/548 and its amendments-new test methods under REACH Regulation (OG 23/08, 64/09, 137/11) Ordinance on Good laboratory practice in line with 2004/8/EC and 2004/9 EC (OG 38/08)

Ordinance on Import and Export of dangerous chemicals in line with Regulation 689/2008 and its amendments (OG 73/09, 104/10)

Ordinance on classification, labeling and packaging based on Regulation CLP 1272/2008/EC

Present situation-

- Act on Implementation of Regulation (EU) 1272/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council Concerning Classification, labeling and packaging of Dangerous Chemicals (OG 50/12)- it will enter into force on the day of accession of Croatia to the EU
- CLP Regulation is adopted and published in the Official Gazette 64/11 as an
- Ordinance on classification, labeling and packaging of dangerous chemicals
- competent body in health sector is designated
 Croatian Institute for Toxicology and Antidoping

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Expert support and data basis (safety data sheets and quantities of chemicals imported and exported) for competent authority -Ministry of Health

Croatian Environmental Protection Agency

 Expert support and data basis for competent authority – Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection

Mercury in the Republic of Croatia

- Legislation bans and restrictions
- Inspection of two ministries- sanitary inspection and environmental inspection
- No mercury mine in Croatia
- Molve- natural gas production, mercury as byproduct, now it is solved by carbon adsorbenses, before often illicit traffic
- Household emmissions
- Termoenergetic and chlor- alkali facilitiesa few

Mercury and mercury products

- Thermometers and barometers manufactured after 2009 are banned – one factory closed
- Restricted use as dental filling
- Restricted use in laboratories just for scientific research
- Mercury waste is exported from Croatia under the supervision of environmental inspection by authorised legal entities