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MARKET SURVEILLANCE

**Updates from regional groups and the Advisory Groupings on Market Surveillance
("MARS" Group)**

Note by the secretariat

At its seventeenth session, the Working Party (WP.6) requested regional groups to provide updates on current activities in the area of market surveillance. The WP.6 Coordinator for Liaison with Market Surveillance Bodies of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) transmitted a report to the secretariat on the May 2008 meeting of the Scientific and Technical Commission Interstate Council for Standardization, Certification and Metrology of the CIS. The meeting report, originally in Russian, was informally translated into English and summarized by the UNECE secretariat.

This document is transmitted to the Working Party for information.

I. REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMISSION OF THE EASC MEETING, HELD IN SAINT-PETERSBURG, RUSSIAN FEDERATION (15-16 MAY 2008)

1. The meeting of the Scientific and Technical Commission of the EuroAsian Interstate Council for Standardization, Certification and Metrology (EASC) was held in Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation on 15 and 16 May 2008. It was attended by representatives of the national agencies on standardization, certification and metrology of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Ukraine.

2. Representatives of the CIS Executive Committee and the Standards Agency of the CIS Interstate Council also attended.

3. The main topics discussed were as follows:

(a) Progress report on the implementation of decisions taken by the Commission at previous meetings;

(b) Progress report by the Member States on respect of norms, regulations and guidelines on standardization in their respective States;

(c) Planning of the EASC activities until 2015;

(d) Proposal by the EASC for a concept paper on further CIS developments;

(e) Application of the automatic intergovernmental system for gathering, communicating and exchanging information on dangerous goods and rejected products;

(f) Results of the quality and safety control of toys in the Member States of the CIS.

4. As a result of its work, the Commission recommended:

(a) To operationalize an automatic intergovernmental system of information exchange on dangerous goods detected by supervision and control agencies in the CIS Member States;

(b) To develop a normative document to regulate the collection and dissemination of information relating to dangerous goods and rejected products.

5. To achieve these objectives, the Commission recommended that the Member States:

(a) Note that the specialized national agencies of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan had named coordinators to develop cooperation on the Agreement concerning "Dangerous Goods";

(b) Request that the national agencies of other countries (namely, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine) send their nomination for a coordinator to the Standards Agency of the CIS Intergovernmental Council before 23 May 2008;

- (c) Request that the national agencies publish relevant information on dangerous goods and take appropriate measures in all CIS Member States;
- (d) Recall that the Agreement on “Dangerous Goods” allows countries to enter information about rejected products in the database for use by CIS Member States;
- (e) Request that the National Standard Agency of Belarus, in the framework of the Agreement on “Dangerous Goods”, modify its legislation concerning the dissemination of information on the results of controls;
- (f) Request that the national agencies of Member States send their proposals for amendments to the Agreement to the Standards Agency of Belarus and to the Standards Agency of EASC;
- (g) Review the criteria for categorizing dangerous goods at the twelfth meeting of EASC.

6. To attain efficient safety and quality control of toys sold on the territories of CIS Member States, the Commission recommended that Member States:

- (a) Take note of the information on the current safety and quality control of toys in Armenia, Belarus, Kirghizstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Ukraine in 2007-2008;
- (b) Request that the national agencies of other countries (namely, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan) send information about their current safety and quality control of toys before 1 July 2008;
- (c) Determine clear objectives for these controls for the next two years.
