



“Who-is-who” in PROSAFE and EMARS



The Republic of Bulgaria

Introduction

The Republic of Bulgaria covers a territory of 110,910 sq km with a population of about 7, 7 million people. The capital of the Republic of Bulgaria is the city of Sofia (1, 3 million inhabitants), which is also the seat of the Council of Ministers of Bulgaria.

Bulgaria is a parliamentary republic with a National Assembly (One House Parliament).

The President is Head of State.

Product Safety Legislation

The main legislative framework covering consumer product safety in Bulgaria consists of the following acts:

The General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC) is implemented by the Law on Consumer Protection adopted in 2005 (published in State Gazette, issue 99 of 9 December 2005, last amended State Gazette, issue 59 of 21 July 2006).

The Law on Technical Requirements for Products (published in State Gazette, issue 86/1999, as last amended State Gazette, issue 41 of 22 May 2007) as a horizontal framework law provides for carrying out conformity assessment and market surveillance activities in respect of safety of industrial products in the scope of New Approach Directives.

The ordinances given below have been adopted as secondary legislation under the Law on Technical Requirements for Products, transposing the provisions of relevant New Approach Directives in the national legislation as well as the Ordinance on conformity marking (published in State Gazette, issue 69/23 August 2005) and Ordinance on the conditions and procedure for carrying out market surveillance (published in State Gazette, issue 49/27 May 2003, last amended State Gazette, issue 85, 25 October 2005):

- Ordinance on the essential requirements and conformity assessment of electrical equipment designed for use within certain voltage limits, transposing Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC);
- Ordinance on the essential requirements and conformity assessment of toys, transposing Toys Directive (88/378/EEC);

- Ordinance on the essential requirements and conformity assessment of personal protective equipment, transposing PPE Directive (89/686/EEC);
- Ordinance on the essential requirements and conformity assessment for electromagnetic compatibility, transposing EMC Directive (89/336/EEC);
- Ordinance on the essential requirements and conformity assessment of machinery, transposing Machinery Directive (98/37/EC);
- Ordinance on the essential requirements and conformity assessment of machinery and equipment for use outdoors with respect to the noise emission in the environment, transposing Noise Emission Directive (2000/14/EC);
- Ordinance on the essential requirements and conformity assessment of appliances burning gaseous fuels, transposing Gas appliances Directive (90/396/EEC);
- Ordinance on the essential requirements and conformity assessment of radio and telecommunications terminal equipment, transposing R&TTE Directive (99/5/EC).

The text of the above mentioned legislation in the Bulgarian language can be retrieved and downloaded from Section “Legislation” on the web site of the State Agency for Metrological and Technical Surveillance (SAMTS) www.damtn.government.bg

Market Surveillance Practice

- The Commission for Consumer Protection established under the Ministry of Economy and Energy is the market surveillance authority for consumer products under the General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC).
The Commission for Consumer Protection is a contact point for RAPEX.
- Directorate General “Market surveillance” (DG MS) within the State Agency for Metrological and Technical Surveillance is the market surveillance authority for consumer products under the following European directives:
 - Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC);
 - Toys Directive (88/378/EEC);
 - PPE Directive (89/686/EEC);
 - EMC Directive (89/336/EEC);
 - Machinery Directive (98/37/EC);
 - Noise Emission Directive (2000/14/EC);
 - Gas appliances Directive (90/396/EEC);
 - As regards R&TTE Directive (99/5/EC) DG MS performs market surveillance activities jointly with the Communications Regulation Commission.

DG MS carries out market surveillance activities also in respect of: Construction Products Directive (89/106/EEC), Recreational Craft Directive (94/25/EC), PED Directive (97/23/EC), Refrigeration Appliances Directive (96/57/EC), Directive on energy efficiency requirements for ballast for fluorescent lighting (2000/55/EC), ATEX Directive (94/9/EC) etc.

A Council for cooperation and exchange of information between the authorities performing control of the market was established on 5th of May 2006 under the Ministry of Economy and Energy.

The council is chaired by the Deputy Minister of Economy and Energy.
Customs Agency is included in the council.

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