



“Who-is-who” in PROSAFE and EMARS



Iceland

Introduction

Iceland consists of an area of 103.000 km² with a population of approx. 307.000. Reykjavík is the capital and has a population of approx 115.000, approx. 185.000 if adjacent municipalities are included.

Product Safety Legislation

Implementation of several European Directives covering consumer product safety:

- General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC) is implemented by “Lög um öryggi vöru og opinbera markaðsgæslu, nr 134/1995” (Law on Product Safety and Market Surveillance, no. 134/1995).
- Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC) is implemented by “Reglugerð um raforkuvirki nr. 264/1971, með áorðnum breytingum (285/1998)” (Regulations for Electrical Installations, no 264/1971, with amendments (285/1998)). The regulation is based on “Lög um öryggi raforkuvirkja, neysluveitna og raffanga, nr. 146/1996” (Law on the Safety of Electrical Installations, Consumer Apparatus and Electrical Materials, no. 146/1996).
- Toys Directive (88/378/EEC) is implemented by “Reglugerð um öryggi leikfanga og hættulegar eftirlíkingar, nr. 408/1994” (Regulation on the Safety of Toys and Dangerous Imitations, no 408/1994). The regulation is based on “Lög um öryggi vöru og opinbera markaðsgæslu, nr 134/1995” (Law on Product Safety and Market Surveillance, no. 134/1995).
- Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive (89/336/EEC) is implemented by “Reglugerð um rafsegulsviðssamhæfi, nr. 146/1994” (Regulation on Electromagnetic Compatibility, no. 146/1994). The regulation is based on “Lög um öryggi raforkuvirkja, neysluveitna og raffanga, nr. 146/1996” (Law on the Safety of Electrical Installations, Consumer Apparatus and Electrical Materials, no. 146/1996).
- Personal Protective Equipment Directive (89/686/EEC) is implemented by “Reglugerð um persónuhlífar til einkanota, nr. 635/1999” (Regulation on Personal Protective Equipment, no. 635/1999). The regulation is based on “Lög um öryggi vöru og opinbera markaðsgæslu, nr 134/1995” (Law on Product Safety and Market Surveillance, no. 134/1995).

- Gas Appliances Directive (90/396/EEC) is implemented by “Reglur um tæki sem brenna gasi, nr. 108/1996” (Rules on equipment burning gaseous fuel, no. 108/1996). The rules are based on “Lög um aðbúnað, hollustuhætti og öryggi á vinnustöðum, nr 46/1980” (Law on Conditions, Health, Hygiene and Safety at work, no. 46/1980).
- Machinery Directive (98/37/EC) is implemented by “Reglur um vélar og tæknilegan búnað, nr. 761/2001” (Rules on machinery and technical equipment, no. 761/2001). The rules are based on “Lög um aðbúnað, hollustuhætti og öryggi á vinnustöðum, nr 46/1980” (Law on Conditions, Health, Hygiene and Safety at work, no. 46/1980).
- Radio and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (R&TTE) Directive (1999/5/EC) is implemented by “Reglugerð um þráðlausan búnað og notendabúnað til fjarskipta og gagnkvæma viðurkenningu á samræmi þeirra, nr. 90/2007 (Regulation on wireless and telecommunication equipment and the mutual recognition of it’s conformity, no. 90/2007). The regulation is based on “Lög um fjarskipti, nr 81/2003” (The Electronic Communications Act, no. 81/2003).

The text of the above mentioned legislation in Icelandic can be found on the website of the Ministry of Justice and Ecclesiastical Affairs, www.domsmalaraduneyti.is . It can also be found on the websites of the relevant authorities.

Market surveillance Practice

Of the directives mentioned above Neytendastofa (Consumer Agency) is the market surveillance authority for products falling under the scope of the following European Directives:

- General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC)
 - Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC)
 - Toys Directive (88/378/EEC)
 - EMC Directive (89/336/EEC)
 - Personal Protective Equipment Directive (89/686/EEC) - partly
- Further information regarding the Consumer Agency is available on it’s website, www.neytendastofa.is .

Of the directives mentioned above Vinnueftirlitið (the Administration of Occupational Safety and Health) is the market surveillance authority for products falling under the scope of the following European Directives:

- Personal Protective Equipment Directive (89/686/EEC) - partly
- Gas Appliances Directive (90/396/EEC)
- Machinery Directive (98/37/EC)

Further information regarding the Administration of Occupational Safety and Health is available on it’s website, www.vinnueftirlit.is .

Of the directives mentioned above Póst- og fjarskiptastofnun (the Post and Telecom Administration in Iceland) is the market surveillance authority for products falling under the scope of the following European Directive:

- R&TTE Directive (1999/5/EC).

Further information regarding the the Post and Telecom Administration in Iceland is available on it’s website, www.pta.is .

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