

„Who-is-who“ in PROSAFE and EMARS



Italy

Introduction

Italy is a parliamentary republic with a population of 59.6 million. The territory of the Mediterranean country covers an area of 301.336 km². The seat of government is situated in Rome- the Italian capital which counts 2.7 million inhabitants. Rome is the only capital having a sovereign state (the Vatican city) located entirely within its city limits.

Product Safety Legislation

The General Product Safety Directive “GPSD” (2001/95/EC) became effective on July 16, 2004 with the legislative decree n° 172. The consumption code (Codice di Consumo) is a collection of legislative acts on consumer protection including product safety.

National legislation on product safety comprises European legislation transposed into the Italian system and national legislation, organised basically into laws and legislative, ministerial and presidential decrees.

Implementation of several European directives covering consumer product safety:

- General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC)
Implemented in the legislative decree n°172 dated May 21, 2004
- Low Voltage Directive (93/68/EEC)
Implemented in the legislative decree n°626 dated November 25, 1996
(new low voltage directive 2006/95/EC still not implemented)
- Toy Directive (88/378/EEC)
Implemented in the legislative decree n°41 dated February 24, 1997
- Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive (89/336/EEC)
Implemented by the decree n° 194 dated November 6, 2007

- Personal Protective Equipment Directive (89/686/EEC)
Implemented in the legislative decree n° 475 dated December 4, 1992 and in a ministerial decree dated May 10, 1996 for temporary arrangements concerning security belts to be used exclusively on naval units
- Gas Appliances Directive (90/396/EEC)
Implemented in the presidential decree n° 661 dated November 15, 1996; the law n° 1083 dated December 6, 1992; the ministerial decree n° 103 dated April 12, 1996 and article 44 of law n° 39 date March 1st, 2002
- Machinery Directive (98/37/EC)
Implemented in the presidential decree n° 459 dated July 24, 1996
- Radio Equipment and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (R&TTE) Directive (1999/5/EC)
Implemented in the legislative decree n° 269 dated May 9, 2001

The text of most of the above mentioned legislation in Italian can be downloaded using the search facilities on the website of the Italian Parliament with the hyperlink: <http://www.parlamento.it/leggi/home.htm>

Market surveillance Practice

The “Ministero dello Sviluppo Economico” (Ministry of Economical Development) is the market surveillance authority for consumer products under the following European Directives:

- . General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC)
- . Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC)
- . Toy Directive (88/378/EEC)
- . Personal Protective Equipment Directive (89/686/EEC)
- . Gasappliances Directive (90/396/EEC)
- . Machinery Directive (98/37/EC)

Further information regarding the “Ministry of Economical Development” is available in Italian language on the website www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it

The “Ministero delle Comunicazioni” (Ministry of Communications) is the market surveillance authority for the:

- . EMC Directive (89/336/EEC) and
- . R&TTE Directive (1999/5/EC).

Further information regarding the “Ministero delle Comunicazioni” is available in Italian language on the website with the hyperlink: www.comunicazioni.it

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