

„Who-is-who” in PROSAFE and EMARS



Luxembourg

Introduction

Luxembourg is a parliamentary representative democracy with a constitutional monarch and it is the world's only sovereign Grand Duchy. The second smallest EU member state (after Malta) covers an area of 2,586.4 km² (998.6 sq mi) and has a population of 451.600. The capital, seat of government and biggest city is Luxembourg (also known as Luxembourg City) with about 86.977 inhabitants (2007). The country recognises three languages as official- French, German and Luxembourgish- a Franconian language of the Moselle region.

Product Safety Legislation

The General Product Safety Directive “GPSD” (2001/95/EC) has been implemented with a law dated July 31, 2006.

National legislation on product safety comprises European legislation transposed into the Luxembourgish system and national legislation organised basically into laws and grand ducal decrees.

Implementation of several European directives covering consumer product safety:

- General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC)
Implemented with the “Loi relative à la sécurité générale des produits” dated July 31, 2006; released in the Official Journal A n°162 of September 8, 2006
- Low Voltage Directive (93/68/EEC)
Implemented with the “Règlement grand-ducal du 27 août 1976 relative au matériel électrique destiné à être employé dans certaines limites de tensio”; released in the Official Journal A n° 54 of July 7, 1995
- Toy Directive (88/378/EEC)
Implemented with the “Règlement grand-ducal relatif à la sécurité des jouets” dated February 3, 1992; released in the Official Journal A n° 8 of February 26, 1992 amended by the “Règlement grand-ducal relatif à la sécurité des jouets” of March 28, 1995”, released in the Official Journal A n°28 of April 10, 1995.

- Personal Protective Equipment Directive (89/686/EEC)
Implemented with the “Règlement grand-ducal relatif aux équipements de protection individuelle” dated August 10, 1992; released in the Official Journal A n°63 of August 21, 1992
 - amended by the “Règlement grand-ducal relatif à la sécurité des jouets” of March 28, 1995”; released in the Official Journal A n°28 of April 10, 1995,
 - amended by the “Règlement grand-ducal relatif à la sécurité des jouets” of December 8, 1996”; released in the Official Journal A n°96 of December 31, 1996,
 - amended by the “Règlement grand-ducal relatif à la sécurité des jouets” of July 27, 1997”; released in the Official Journal A n°66 of September 5, 1997.

- Gas Appliances Directive (90/396/EEC as amended by 93/68/CEE)
Implemented with the “Règlement grand-ducal relatif aux appareils à gaz” dated January 21, 1992; released in the Official Journal A n°8 of February 26, 1992 and amended with the “Règlement grand-ducal relatif aux appareils à gaz” of November 22, 1995; released in the Official Journal A n°97 of December 22, 1995.

- Machinery Directive (98/37/EC)
Implemented by the “Règlement grand-ducal relatif aux machines” dated January 8, 1992; released in the Official Journal A n°2 of January 16, 1992 and modified by the grand ducal decrees of July 4, 1994 (OJ A n° 67 of July 21, 1994); April 12, 1996 (OJ A n°26 of April 26, 1996) and August 27, 2001 (OJ A n° 111 of September 6, 2001).

- Radio Equipment and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (R&TTE) Directive (1999/5/EC)
Implemented with the “Règlement grand-ducal concernant les équipements hertziens et les équipements terminaux de télécommunications et la reconnaissance mutuelle de leur conformité” dated February 4, 2000; released in the Official Journal A n°16 of March 7, 2000.

The text of most of the above mentioned legislation in French can be downloaded using the search facilities on the following websites:

<http://www.legilux.public.lu/leg/directives/index.php>

<http://www.ilnas.public.lu/fr/legislation/index.html>

Market surveillance Practice

In Luxembourg Market Surveillance responsibility is assigned to different Authorities. According to the law of May 20th 2008, the ILNAS (Institut Luxembourgeois de la Normalisation, de l'Accréditation, de la Sécurité et qualité des produits et services) is responsible for the surveillance of equipment falling under the scope of many European directives based on national regulations transposing these directives:

- General Product Safety Directive (2006/95/CE)
- Toys Directive (88/378/CE)
- Low Voltage Directive (2006/95/CE)
- Electromagnetic compatibility Directive (2004/108/CE)
- Radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment (1999/5/CE)

- ATEX (94/9/CE)
- Labelling (92/75/CE)
- Energy efficiency

Further information about the various activities of the ILNAS is available in French on the website with the hyperlink: <http://www.ilnas.public.lu>

Other responsible authorities are: the ITM (**I**nspection du **T**ravail et des **M**ines), the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Transport.

A general information document about these institutions is available on the ILNAS webpage under the following hyperlink:

<http://www.ilnas.public.lu/fr/publications/surveillance-marche/autorites-competentes/Directives-autorites-nationales-V1.pdf>

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