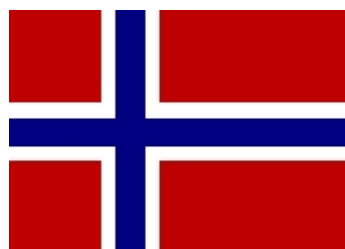




## “Who-is-who” in PROSAFE and EMARS



### Norway

#### Introduction

Norway lies in the northern part of Europe and covers an area of 385 852 sq km with a population of 4.6million. Oslo, the capital has a population including its suburbs of 580 000. The seat of government is in Oslo.

#### Product Safety Legislation

The Product Control Act (PCA) provides the main framework act for the product safety and safety of consumers services legislation in Norway. Several European directives covering consumer product safety are implemented with specific regulations based on the Product Control Act.

Product safety regulations also includes explosives for civil use, simple pressure vessels, gas appliances and pressure equipment. These are regulated in Act relating to the Prevention of Fire, Explosion and Accidents involving Hazardous Substances and the Fire Services. Electrical consumer products are regulated in the Act relating to inspection of electrical installations and electrical equipment.

#### Market surveillance Practice

The Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning (DSB) is situated in Tønsberg in the southern part of Norway. DSB has a total of 550 employees. A number of approximately 20 employees are occupied with product safety issues.

DSB is the market surveillance authority for consumer products under the following European Directives:

- General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC)
- Low Voltage Directive (2006/95/EC)
- Toy Directive (88/378/EC)
- Personal Protective Equipment Directive (89/686/EC)
- Gasappliances Directive (90/396/EC)
- Machine Directive (98/37/EC)

- EMC Directive (89/336/EC)
- Directive relating to explosives for civil use (93/15/EC)
- Pressure equipment directive (97/23/EC)
- Directive for dangerous food stuff imitations (87/357/EC)
- Directive for simple pressure vessels (87/404/EC and changes 90/488 and 93/68)

DSB also collaborates with several other enforcement authorities in a network related to Rapex and product safety. These are, amongst others, the Labour inspection authority, Pollution control authority, Customs, Radiation control authority, Authority for recreational crafts and Road traffic directorate (traffic vehicles).

Further information regarding DSB is available on the website [www.dsb.no](http://www.dsb.no). This website also provides part of the content in English.

DSB has developed a specific market surveillance strategy. This is available on request to [Gunnar.wold@dsb.no](mailto:Gunnar.wold@dsb.no).

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