



“Who-is-who” in PROSAFE and EMARS



Switzerland

Introduction

Switzerland is a federal state of 26 Cantons with a population of 7.4 million. Its territory covers an area of 41'285km². Berne is the capital.

Product Safety Legislation

As Switzerland is not a member of EU, it has not implemented EU directives. In certain areas, however, Swiss law has been harmonised with EU directives. This is amongst others the case in the following areas:

- Toy Directive (88/378/EEC)
- Personal Protective Equipment Directive (89/686/EEC)
- Gas appliances Directive (90/396/EEC)
- Machine Directive (98/37/EC)

More information about Swiss legislation can be found on the following website:

www.admin.ch > Dokumentation > Systematische Sammlung (texts in German, French and Italian).

Market surveillance Practice

Legislative competence lies in the offices on federal level.

The competences of market surveillance is delegated to Cantonal authorities and other designated bodies. For an overview of the different responsibilities, please visit the site of the Federal Consumer Affairs Bureau (FCAB).

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