



“Who-is-who” in PROSAFE and EMARS



The Netherlands

(draft text)

Introduction

The Netherlands consists of an area of 40,844 sq km with a population of 16 million. Amsterdam the capital has a population including its suburbs of a million. The seat of government is at 's-Gravenhage (The Hague) which has a population of 445,000.

Product Safety Legislation

The “Warenwet” (Commodities Act) provides the main framework act for the product safety legislation in the Netherlands. Many of the European directives covering consumer product safety are implemented with a “Warenwetbesluit” (Decree based upon the Commodities Act).

Implementation of several European Directives covering consumer product safety:

- General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC) is implemented in the “Warenwet” (Commodities Act) and in the “Warenwetbesluit algemene productveiligheid” (Decree on general product safety)
- Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC) is implemented in the “Warenwetbesluit elektrotechnische producten” (Decree on electro technical products based upon the Commodities Act)
- Toy Directive (88/378/EEC) is implemented in the “Warenwetbesluit speelgoed” (Decree on toys based upon the Commodities Act)
- Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Directive (89/336/EEC) is implemented in the “Besluit elektromagnetische compatibiliteit 2001” based upon the “Telecommunicatiewet” (Act on Telecommunication)
- Personal Protective Equipment Directive (89/686/EEC) is implemented in the “Warenwetbesluit persoonlijke beschermingsmiddelen” (Decree on personal protective equipment based upon the Commodities Act)
- Gasappliances Directive (90/396/EEC) is implemented in the “Besluit gastoestellen” (Decree on gasappliances based upon amongst others the Commodities Act)
- Machine Directive (98/37/EC) is implemented in the “Warenwetbesluit machines” (Decree on machinery based upon the Commodities Act)
- Radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment (R&TTE) Directive (1999/5/EC) is implemented in the “Telecommunicatiewet” (Act on Telecommunication)

The text of the above mentioned legislation in the Dutch language can be retrieved and downloaded using the search facilities on the website with the hyperlink <http://wetten.overheid.nl>

Market surveillance Practice

The “Voedsel en Waren Autoriteit” (Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority) 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)
- Machine Directive (98/37/EC)

Further information regarding the “Voedsel en Waren Autoriteit” is available on the website www.vwa.nl. This website also provides part of the content in the English language.

The “Agentschap Telecom” is the market surveillance authority for the:

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

Further information regarding the “Agentschap Telecom” is available on the website www.agentschap-telecom.nl. This website also provides part of the content in the English language.

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