

Republic of Macedonia Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning Administration for Environment State Environmental Inspectorate

Safety reports evaluation and inspections



Background information

Transposition of the Directive National legislation

- Law on Environment ("OG of RM" no. 53/05, 81/05, 24/07, 159/08, 83/09, 48/10,124/10)
- Law on Ratification of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents ("OG of the RM " no. 19/2010)
- Rulebook on the content of the internal and external emergency plans ("OG of the RM" no. 50/09)
- Rulebook on the hazardous substances, the limit values (thresholds) for the presence of hazardous substances and the criteria or properties by which a substance shall be classified as hazardous ("OG of the RM" no. 25/10)
- Rulebook on the information on safety measures ("OG of the RM" no. 22/11)



Enforcement of Safety reports Enforcement authorities – competencies and responsibilities Inspectors' competencies and background Feedback for the quality of SR Inspections tools



Competent authority(ies) •MoEPP/Division for Chemicals and Industrial Accidents •MoEPP/State Environmental Inspectorate •Ministry of Labor and Social Policy/State Labor Inspectorate •Directorate for Protection and Rescue/Inspectorate

* A Guidelines for SR evaluation to be developed as soon as possible



Necessary pre-activities:

- •Development of Regulation on content of the safety reports
- •Development of Guidelines for SR evaluation
- •Establishment of a working group on evaluation of the safety reports

Stages of the procedure (to be drafted)

I.Review of the safety report in order to confirm that it contains all items according to the Annex II of the Seveso II Directive/Rulebook on the content of the safety report (Division for Chemicals and Ind. Accidents) within 3 months.



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Stages of the procedure (to be drafted) II.Review the first opinion by the working group III.Submitted the parts of the safety report to the relevant institutions (for inst. Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Health, etc) to be evaluated within the period of 3 months.



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Stages of the procedure (to be drafted) IV.Compilation of the opinions received from the relevant institutions V.Issuing final so called Seveso permit (upper-tier operators)



Coordination of the procedure

The Ministry of Environment / Administration for Environment /Division for Chemicals and Industrial Accidents is responsible for overall coordination of the procedure (Law on Environment)



Necessary pre-activities:

Development of Guidelines for SR on-site inspection

Procedures for verification of the facts in the SR I.Verification of each safety report becomes part of the annual working plan of the Environmental Inspectorate and other relevant Inspectorates II.Preparation of a inspection plan on case-by-case basis III.On-site inspection

IV.Development minutes and report for each case

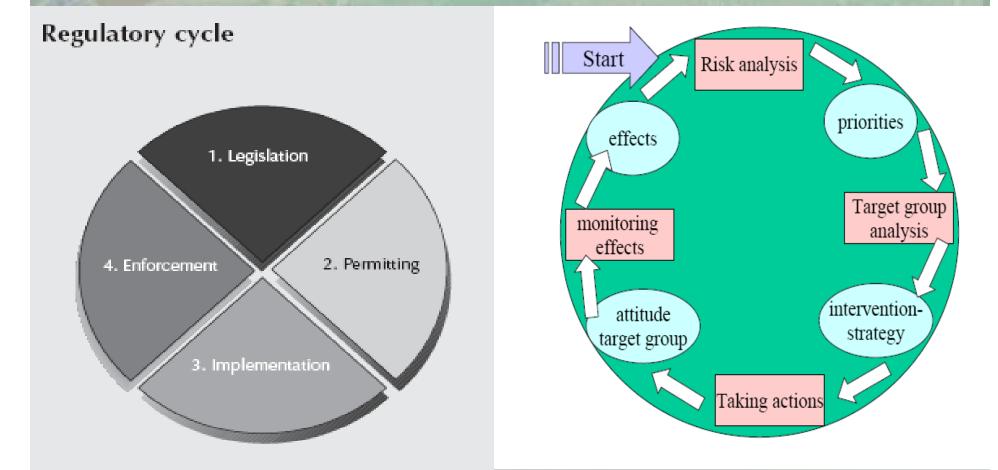


Enforcement of Safety reports

- Onsite inspections
- •Main goals
 - •To check and verify the information in the Safety report
 - •To check and verify that the arrangements on safety measures (technical, organizational and management) in the MAPP and the Safety report are implemented
 - •To check for new relevant information
 - •To investigate complaints, near misses or accidents
- Legal framework
- •Usually teamwork at least health & safety and environment inspectors
 - •Coordination and cooperation
 - Inspections tools (check lists)
 - •Reporting to the public



Basic Process of Enforcement





Seveso II Requirements for inspections and enforcement

Article 18 – Inspections

- Requires a system of inspections
- Planned and systematic appraisal of the technical, organisational or managerial measures applied by the operator
- Article 9(4)
 - Decision on the Safety Report, incl. the prohibition of use
- Article 10
 - Modifications
- Article 11(4)
 - Control of the Emergency Plans
- Article 14(2)
 - Investigation following a major accident
- Article 17
 - Prohibition of use



Seveso II Requirements towards

the system of inspections

- The system of inspections should consist of:
 - Programme of inspections for all establishments or annual inspections of top tier sites;
 - Report, prepared by the competent authority following each inspection;
 - Where necessary, follow up within a reasonable period following the inspection.



Development of Seveso II Inspection Programme

- Content of the Seveso II Inspection programme
 RMCEI
 - Inventory of the sites
 - Geographic area covered
 - Time period
 - Provision for review and update
 - Identification of specific sites (LT/TT)
 - Programme for routine/non-routine inspections
 - Provision of coordination
 - Frequency of inspections
 - Public access



Enforcement measures

Prohibition of use for the site

Court proceedings,

Notice to public prosecutor

Administrative penalties

Improvement notices, enhanced compliance monitoring

Advice, training and guidance to the operator

Partnership action



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Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents Assistance Programme for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) and South-Eastern Europe (SEE)

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