

THIRD CONSULTATION AND A TRAINING FOR POINTS OF CONTACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCIDENT NOTIFICATION AND **MUTUAL ASSISTANCE WITHIN UNECE IAN SYSTEM**

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Overview of the Industrial Accidents Notification System

Contents:

Key legal obligations.

Developments on IAN System (2000-2008)

Key legal obligations arising from the Convention for industrial accidents notification and mutual assistance

Article 10 – Industrial accident notification systems

The Parties shall provide for the establishment and operation of compatible and efficient industrial accident notification systems at appropriate levels.

In the event of an accident, or imminent threat thereof, which causes or is capable of causing transboundary effects, the Party of origin shall ensure that affected Parties are, without delay, notified at appropriate levels through these industrial accident notification systems

Key legal obligations arising from the Convention for industrial accidents notification and mutual assistance

Article 12 – Mutual assistance

If a Party needs assistance in the event of an accident, it may ask for assistance from other Parties.

A Party to whom a request for assistance is directed shall promptly decide and inform the requesting Party whether it is in a position to render the assistance required.

Key legal obligations arising from the Convention for industrial accidents notification and mutual assistance

Article 17 – Competent authorities and points of contact

Each Party shall designate or establish one point of contact for the purpose of industrial accident notifications pursuant to article 10 and one point of contact for the purpose of mutual assistance pursuant to article 12.

Each Party shall, within three months of the date of entry into force of the Convention for that Party, inform the other Parties, through the secretariat, which body or bodies it has designated as its point(s) of contact and of any changes regarding this designation.

Each Party shall keep its point(s) of contact operational at all times

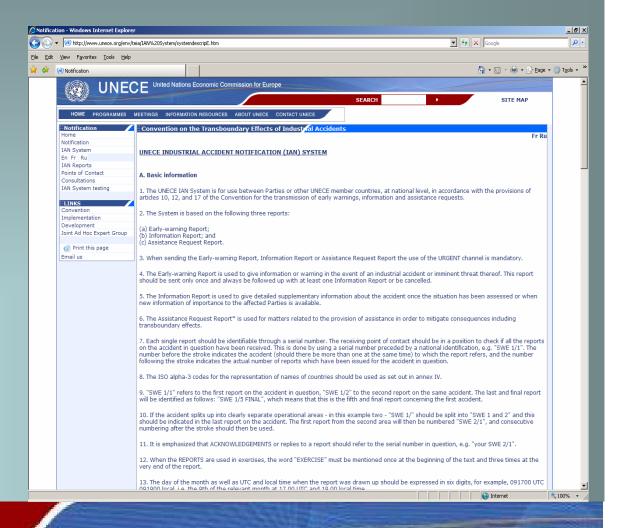
The UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System

The first meeting of the Conference of the Parties accepted the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification (IAN) System for notifying a major accident capable of causing transboundary effects and/or for requesting assistance in responding to such an accident. The system comprises:

- A network of points of contact for accident notification and mutual assistance designated in accordance with the provisions of article 17;
- Procedure for notification or requesting assistance;
- Set of reports for notifying and requesting assistance

The UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System





The UNECE IAN System – recommendations by first meeting of the CoP

Organization of regular consultation among the points of contact to review the effectiveness of the System and make recommendations in this regard

Consultations:

- First consultation, Bratislava, 10-11 November 2003
- Second consultation, Rome 19-21 October 2005

Outcome linked to the first consultation

- A task force (recommended by first consultation) drew up harmonized reports (Early warning, Information and Request for Assistance) - the new reports were accepted and UNECE IAN System was amended by the Conference of the Parties (third meeting);
- Proposals on enhancing the communication procedures (moving from fax to web-based) – A task force to review communication was established by the Conference of the Parties (third meeting) to make recommendations which of three tools (Dutch Infra-web, EC MIC System, simple web-based application) will be optimal for IAN System;
- IAN System tests to be performed subregionaly instead of region-wide new tests were performed in English for Western, Central and South-Eastern European countries (Italy) and in Russian for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asian countries (Russian Federation).

Outcome linked to second consultation

- IAN System tests to be performed subregionaly and at regular intervals (two rounds of testing per year) – test performed by Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark and Finland in English and by Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in Russian in period 2006-2007
- Recommendation to introduce web-based communication (simple application when maintaining current IAN requirements, Infra-web for extended requirements adding management of emergencies) decision taken by fourth Conference of the Parties to develop and introduce simple web-based application under IAN System

Where are we now?

Third consultation and a training for points of contact

Consultation

- Review of the results of 8 subregional tests
- Exchange of good practice on organization of work of points of contact

Training

Learn using the simple web-based application



Third consultation – objectives to achieve

Consultation

Make recommendations for future IAN System's tests (actions to be taken regarding countries which fail in the tests)

Basis – conclusions of 8 subregional test in the period 2006-07

Consideration – use of web-based application

Discuss any needs of countries with regard to organization of work of points of contact to effectively address the tasks arising from the Convention (training, capacity building activities)

Training

Expertise on using the web-based application in order to:

- (a) apply it under IAN system for notification and requesting mutual assistance
- (b) train colleagues within points of contact on the application use

UNECE CONVENTION ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS URGENT UNECE Early Warning Report - Serial number: Pages (incl. front page): From/Country of emergency: To (Point of contact): Name/Position: Fax/Tel: Fax: E-mail: Nature of emergency/accident Attack with Accident Type of accident Natural disaster Chemical Explosives Earthquake Fire Mining tailings Explosion Chemical agents Flood Transportation Release into water Bio agents Landslide/Avalanche Marine pollution Release into air Radioactive agents Forest fire 001 Date accident 002 Time accident UTC Local Location 011 Country/Town/Area 012 Latitude degrees/minutes North/South 013 Longitude East/West degrees/minutes Outflow/threat(risk) 021 Prognoses 022 Measurements Toxic/Ecotoxic Flammable/Ex-Amount cum/tons Substance/chemical formula or name plosive/Other Weather conditions Short description of accident and mmediate effects 041 Wind direction (from) 042 Wind speed 043 Temperature degrees Celsius 044 Cloudy sky (%) (0/25/50/75/100) 045 Rain/snow (no/yes) Emergency and mitigation measures already taken 051 Evacuation km radius 052 Sheltering km radiu 053 Others Other information 061 The receipt of this report should

Thank you

