

GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON THE 18TH OF SEPTEMBER

Plenary report

- Prepare for a brief summary presentation (10 minutes) that gives an overview of the discussion. Do not repeat what will be said in your country reports
- If you wish you could choose to discuss either A or B. In that case, justify your choice.

A. LEGISLATION ON CHEMICALS SUPPLY AND CHEMICALS USE – TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Existing legislation

Discuss briefly what legislation (laws, regulations etc) that exist in your countries for the regulation of chemicals supply and chemicals use.

Consider the supply and use of various types of chemicals (industrial chemicals, consumer chemicals, agrochemicals) and the various purposes of the control (environmental protection, workers health and safety, prevention of major accidents, concern for public health, consumer safety, etc.).

2. Legislation regulating hazards and risks from the supply of chemicals

- To which extent does legislation in your countries regulate the continuous supply of chemical products (making chemicals available for users): Classification, labelling, safety data sheets, restrictions for trade from the points of view of protection of health and environment?
- If there is such legislation, does it define responsibilities of government institutions and of enterprises (private as well as state-own companies) regarding classification, labelling and safety data sheets?

3. Proposals for good solutions

Propose alternative ways to regulate the supply of chemicals in your countries - taking into account the already existing legislation of chemicals supply and chemicals use. Think of:

- Possible new legislation?
- Using already existing legislation?
- Advantages/disadvantages with different options?

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B. GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS IN THE AREAS OF CHEMICALS SUPPLY AND CHEMICALS USE – TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Existing institutions

Discuss briefly what institutions in your countries that have some responsibility regarding the control of hazards and risks from the supply and use of chemicals.

Consider the supply and use of various types of chemicals (industrial chemicals, consumer chemicals, agrochemicals) and the various purposes of the control (environmental protection, workers health and safety, prevention of major accidents, concern for public health, consumer safety, etc.).

2. Institutions with specific responsibilities

Identify central state institutions in your countries with mandates to regulate or supervise the suppliers of chemicals (i.e. the chemical importers, chemical producers, wholesalers and retailers of chemicals).

3. Institutional issues of concern

Which issues do you find important to address regarding chemicals supply and use (put in number order 1, 2...)

- Division of responsibilities between institutions?
- Co-ordination and co-operation between institutions?
- Efficiency of institutions?
- Other?

4. Suggestions for good institutional set-ups

Propose how the issues identified above could be managed by the administration, taking into account development possibilities on mid-term (5-7 years). Think of possible alternatives:

- Changes of responsibilities of existing institutions?
- Concentration of responsibilities to certain institutions?
- Establishing (new) separate institutions?