



**MEETING OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES SEVESO EXPERT GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DIRECTIVE 96/82/EC
OF 9 DECEMBER 1996 ON THE CONTROL OF MAJOR-ACCIDENT HAZARDS
INVOLVING DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES (SEVESO II DIRECTIVE)**

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Draft Agenda

Expert Meeting 25 September 2012

1. Welcome and adoption of the Draft Annotated Agenda

Introduction to the recently established Seveso expert group – role, difference with committee, members, functioning, update of lists, stakeholder participation.

Adoption of the draft agenda (Document Seveso expert group 1-1).

2. Adoption of the Draft Summary Record of the 26th CCA

The Summary Record of the 26th CCA in Warsaw, Poland, has to be adopted (Document 26-2).

3. Seveso III Directive

3.1 Transposition and implementation

Presentation of the main changes in the new legislation – Discussion on planning of transposition and implementation.

Member States tasks and Commission tasks.

3.2 Commission Declaration on the exclusion of acute toxic 3 dermal substances

The Commission will inform the group on the on-going study aimed at analyzing the likelihood and consequences of major accidents involving acute toxic 3 dermal substances.

3.3 Methodology for assessing requests for exclusion under Article 4 of the new Directive

The Commission would like to invite members to express their views on the future application of Article 4.

4. Implementation Seveso II

4.1 MAHB

4.1.1 eMARS

The MAHB will inform the group on the status of eMARS reporting and statistics for 2012.

The MAHB will give an update on the initiatives to improve the system and 'lessons learned' reporting and awareness.

4.1.2 Inspections

The MAHB will provide an update on the work of the Technical Working Group and the last MJV.

4.1.3 Other MAHB activities

The MAHB will provide an update on recent activities on SPIRS, land -use planning, and the inclusion of reference to Seveso III in the C&L Inventory of ECHA.

4.2 Questions on implementation

The Commission services will present how work will be organised in the future regarding the various types of questions regarding Seveso II implementation.

4.3 Update on related activities

The Commission will present the conclusions of the final report on pipelines, published on circa¹ and will invite comments from the members.

¹ <http://circa.europa.eu/>

The Commission services will give an update on the Commission proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on safety of offshore oil and gas prospection, exploration and production activities.

4.4 Reports from Member States on major accidents and developments

Member States are invited to report about recent accidents and important developments since the last meeting.

5. International Developments

The Commission and/or representatives of the organisations concerned will report on recent international developments as follows.

5.1 OECD Working Group on Chemical Accidents

Presentation by the OECD Secretariat of the OECD Conference and Guidance on Corporate Governance for Process Safety (June 2012) and of the Natech Conference (May 2012).

5.2 United Nation's Environment Programme (UNEP)

5.3 UN/ECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

The Commission will inform on the Conference of the Parties to be held in Stockholm on 14-16 November 2012.

6. Any Other Business

Next meetings, including language regime

Note: Member States are invited to inform the Commission if they would like to make a contribution and to send written contributions/draft presentations by mid September to be uploaded on CIRCA.