

Programme of work

Risk management

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Area of work</i>	<i>Mandate</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Chair/Team/ Group /Task Force Leader</i>	<i>Current status (as of June 2010)</i>
A	RM	2009 annual session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2009/19, para.10)	Creation of a Group of Expert on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems (GRM)	Mr. D. Macrae Mr. V. Nikonov	The Group was established at the 20 th session of the Working Party
A	RM	2009 annual session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2009/19, para.10)	Development of a general reference model on the use of risk-management tools in regulatory systems, and of specific recommendations	Mr. V. Nikonov Mr. D. Macrae	A recommendation on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems presented to the Working Party for approval, along with one specific recommendation on Crisis Management in Regulatory Systems
A	RM	2009 annual session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2009/19, para.10)	Establish links with other organizations as well as national and regional authorities that have established expertise in risk management.	Secretariat	Participation in work on the draft OECD recommendation on Regulatory Policy and Governance. Participation in the work of the ISO TC 262 Project Committee: 262 "Risk management." Participation in relevant national and international conferences and events (International Regulatory Reform Conference (IRRC), International Consumer Product Health & Safety Organization (ICPHSO), VI Workshop Internacional sobre Avaliação da Conformidade in Brazil)
A	RM	Decisions taken by the WP. 6 Bureau at its last twp meetings (see ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2011/2 and ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2010/9)	Organize a panel session on Risk Management as part of the twentieth annual session, and a Workshop on "Traceability as a tool for managing risks" ;	Secretariat	Completed, the Working Party should decide on any follow up activities
			Analysing use of risk management processes in international legislation, identifying areas for improvement and recommendations on the use of best practice in developing risk-based legislation.	Mr. V. Nikonov Mr. D. Macrae	Proposal by the GRM for approval by the Working Party

Standardization

<p>2008 annual session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2007/ 13, para. 35)</p>	<p>As follow-up to the discussion on the challenges faced by the Russian regulatory authorities in their work at the seventeenth session in 2007, and the UNECE-WP.6 International Forum on Common Regulatory Language for Global Trade, the Working Party entrusted Office bearers and the UNECE secretariat to: (a) prepare a reference/information document for interested regulatory authorities in the UNECE and other regions; and (b) initiate work on the revision of Recommendation D</p>	<p>WP.6 and secretariat</p>	<p>“Common Regulatory Language for Global Trade” published 2010. A proposal for the revision of Recommendation D was discussed at the nineteenth session.</p>
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Regulatory Cooperation

<p>Programme of work 2009-2010 (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2008/14/Rev.1, para. 15)</p>	<p>The Sectoral Initiative on Explosive Environments Equipment (SIEEE) was established by the Working Party at its seventeenth session in 2007. Its terms of reference were approved at the eighteenth session in 2008, and the proposed CROs at the nineteenth session in 2009.</p> <p>Additionally, a compilation of the legal framework in force in this sector on the world main markets in the sector Explosive Environments, was made available as an annex to document ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2009/6,</p>	<p>Mr. F. Lieniesch</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CROs published as bound volume thanks to inkind support from the International Electrotechnical Commission (April 2011) - Preliminary guidelines for market surveillance authorities responsible for equipment used in Explosive Environments (Hazardous Locations), prepared for discussion at the 21st session - In 2011, the Initiative met in Stockholm, as part of the Annual Planning Meeting of WP.6 activities and in Split, Croatia, as part of the Annual Meeting of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Scheme for Certification to Standards relating to Equipment for Use in Explosive Atmospheres (IECEX Scheme). <p>Activities planned for 2012 include two promotional events, jointly organized by IECEX and UNECE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - addressing the Petroleum Chemical Industry Committee for Europe (PCIC Europe) at their next annual conference in Prague on 19-21 June 2012 - addressing authorities of the Gulf regions at an event to be held in June 2012 in Dubai.
<p>Programme of work 2009-2010 (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2008/14/ Rev.1, para. 15)</p>	<p>The Sectoral Initiative on Telecom Products (SIT) started work in 2002, and its terms of reference were approved by the Working Party in 2003. It drew up CROs for the following equipment: personal computers (PCs); PC peripherals; legacy Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) terminals; Bluetooth, Wireless Local Area Network (WLAN); a Global Standard for Mobile Telecommunication (GSM); and International Mobile</p>	<p>Mr. P. Döfnäs</p>	<p>In 2010, correspondence was exchanged between the Chair of the Working Party and the Chair of the negotiating group on non-agricultural market access (NAMA) on the possible use of the International Model in the context of the World Trade Organization (WTO).</p> <p>In 2011, the SIT taskforce made a presentation of current developments at the Annual Planning Meeting of WP.6 activities.</p>
<p>Programme of work 2009-2010 (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2008/14/ Rev.1, para. 15)</p>	<p>The Sectoral Initiative on Earth Moving Machinery (SIEMM) started work in 2003 and developed a proposal for CROs in 2004, which was endorsed by the Working Party at its fourteenth session. Revised CROs were adopted at the nineteenth session in 2009 to address the requirement for third-party certification in countries where the supplier declaration of conformity (SDoC) is not recognized.</p>	<p>Mr. D. Roley</p>	<p>The Coordinator of SIEMM will continue to promote the CROs under their revised form. The Working Party will also discuss a proposal by SIEEM for the use of a general format for certificates of conformity.</p>
<p>Programme of work 2009-2010 (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2008/14/ Rev.1, para. 15)</p>	<p>At its seventeenth session, the Working Party took note of a preliminary proposal for the establishment of a Taskforce on Oil and Gas Pipeline Safety based on Recommendation L. At its nineteenth session the Working Party decided to establish a new initiative on pipeline safety (SIPS).</p>	<p>Ms. N. Volkova</p>	<p>The secretariat awaits the nomination of a new Coordinator for SIPS.</p>

Market Surveillance

<p>Programme of work 2009-2010 (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2008/14/ Rev.1, para. 18(b))</p>	<p>The General Market Surveillance Model initiative began its work in 2007 and its terms of reference were approved at the eighteenth session in 2008. A revised version of the model was presented at the nineteenth annual session. It is supplemented by an introductory document developed by the secretariat (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2009/11).</p>	<p>Mr. I. Hendrix</p>	<p>At the 19th session the Working Party recommended that the document on the "General Market Surveillance Model" be further developed and used as a training document. This request is pending, due to lack of resources.</p>
<p>2009 Annual Session ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2009/19 para 52</p>	<p>The Working Party requested the Secretariat to collect information on Market Surveillance authorities, including their sectors of competence, legislative mandates and contact details.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>	<p>Information has been collected from more than 40 countries and posted on the WP. 6 website. A searchable database, containing data from a subset of countries, has also been made available.</p>
<p>Programme of work 2009-2010 (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2008/14/Rev.1, para. 18(c))</p>	<p>At its eighteenth session, the Working Party endorsed the proposal by the "MARS" Group to reinforce the work on common definitions.</p>	<p>Mr. W. Kool</p>	<p>The publication "A glossary of Market Surveillance Terms" will be launched at the 21st session of the Working Party</p>
<p>Programme of work 2009-2010 (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2008/14/ Rev.1, para. 19)</p>	<p>The Working Party agreed to explore the interest of ISO/CASCO in reinforcing cooperation in the area of market surveillance.</p>	<p>MARS and secretariat</p>	<p>UNECE regularly attends the meetings of the ISO/CASCO STAR Group.</p>
<p>2008 annual session (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2008/18, para. 18(d))</p>	<p>The Working Party recommended that the UNECE member States, as well as all other States, where legal and institutional frameworks permit, encourage their national market surveillance bodies to use the approaches proposed in Recommendation M.</p>	<p>WP.6 and secretariat</p>	<p>WP.6 will encourage an exchange of experience on Recommendation M</p>

Conformity assessment and metrology

<p>Programme of work 2009-2010 (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2008/14/ Rev.1, para. 15)</p>	<p>Support new sectoral or regional initiatives for projects using the mechanisms and principles of the International Model for Technical Harmonization, in cooperation with interested Governments, international organizations and private operators.</p>	<p>WP.6 and secretariat</p>	<p>Participation by the secretariat in the 39th EASC meeting Organization of one panel session in the yearly meeting of CEFTA (Central European Free Trade Agreement) with participation by the Secretariat, the Chairperson, and two more resource persons</p>
<p>Programme of work 2009-2010 (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2008/14/ Rev.1, para. 12)</p>	<p>Provide a forum for exchanging information and experiences on issues of concern to UNECE member States, other States Members of the United Nations, international and regional organizations, and representatives of business and civil society, in the area of standardization and related activities.</p>	<p>WP.6 and secretariat</p>	

<p>Programme of work 2009-2010 (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2008/14/ Rev.1, paras. 23 and 24)</p>	<p>Continue providing a discussion forum for metrology issues of concern, with special emphasis on countries in transition.</p> <p>Maintain contact with interested UNECE member countries and metrology organizations (e.g. the International Organization of Legal Metrology and the Euro-Asian Cooperation of State Metrology Institutions) to explore their interest in developing new recommendations for guidelines on the methodology for measuring procedures.</p>	<p>Mr. W. Kool, Bureau and secretariat</p>	
<p>Programme of work 2009-2010 (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2008/14/ Rev.1, para. 21),</p>	<p>Continue to provide a forum for the exchange of information and experience on conformity-assessment issues of concern to UNECE member States, other States Members of the United Nations, international and regional organizations, and representatives of business and civil society.</p>	<p>WP.6, Bureau and secretariat</p>	<p>A panel session on conformity assessment with coordinators of sectoral initiatives and with international organisations) has been held as part of the 20th session</p>
<p>Programme of work 2009-2010 (ECE/TRADE/C/WP.6/2008/14/ Rev.1, para. 25),</p>	<p>To support implementation of its recommendations and other programmes, the Working Party will evaluate and, when possible, respond to requests for training and capacity-building from countries and organizations in the UNECE and other regions. To that end, it will continue working with donors to obtain extrabudgetary resources for financing such projects.</p>	<p>WP.6 and secretariat</p>	

