



# Steps taken to accede to the Industrial Accidents Convention in 2022 by Ukraine

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1992 - 2015 years



## Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents done at Helsinki, 17 March 1992

**Ukraine took gradual steps regarding:**

familiarization with the main provisions of the Convention;

correlation of own legislation with provisions of the Convention;

participation in events organized by the Convention.

It should be noted that the composition of the delegations was constantly changing and there was no unified vision on joining the Convention.



# 2015 year



## High-level meeting in Kyiv

The representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention held consultations regarding joining the Convention.

According to the results, a political decision was made to start the process of joining Ukraine to the Convention.

A number of meetings were held with the participation of representatives of the central executive authorities in order to determine the body responsible for the preparation of draft legal acts related to accession to the Convention:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

State Service of Ukraine on Labor Issues;

Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine;

Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine;

State Emergency Service of Ukraine.

During these meetings, the views of the executive authorities differed.



2016 year



## The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine

supported the proposal of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and designated the State Emergency Service as **the main body responsible** for the preparation of proposals, in accordance with the Law of Ukraine "On International Treaties of Ukraine" regarding the accession of Ukraine to the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Impact of Industrial Accidents,

the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine and the State Service of Ukraine on Labor Issues

**as co-executors of the said measure.**



2017 year



**The draft Law on Accession to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents of the UNECE has been prepared by the State Emergency Service.**

The process of approving the draft law has begun.

In accordance with the current legislation, laws on accession to international treaties are adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine at the request of the President of Ukraine.

The process was complicated by the fact that Russia's armed aggression against Ukraine began in February 2014, and political priorities were aimed at solving this difficult issue.



# Parallel process



## Implementation of the SEVESO Directive

In accordance with the Action Plan for the implementation of the Association Agreement between Ukraine, on the one hand, and the European Union, the European Atomic Energy Community and their member states, on the other hand, approved by Resolution No. 1106 of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated October 25, 2017, the implementation process started in Ukraine guided by the DIRECTIVE 2012/18/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL dated July 4, 2012 on the control of major accidents involving hazardous substances (SEVESO Directives).

As part of this process, meetings of the interdepartmental working group on the review of the current legislation of Ukraine in the field of activities of high-risk facilities, which could potentially carry a cross-border threat, were held.



2020 year



## Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Ukraine reported on the progress in accession to the Convention and that the process of approving the draft of the relevant Law is underway.

It should be noted that during the preparation of the official draft translation of the text of the Convention into Ukrainian, the first version did not contain the amendments made on December 19, 2015, but this was corrected in a timely manner.



2021 year



**Law of Ukraine**  
**«On making changes to some legislative acts of Ukraine regarding facilities of increased danger»**

Amendments were made to the following legislative acts of Ukraine:

1. Civil Protection Code of Ukraine
2. Law of Ukraine «On facilities of increased danger»
3. Law of Ukraine «On the basic principles of state supervision (control) in the sphere of economic activity»
4. Law of Ukraine «On Regulation of Urban Development»

**The President of Ukraine**

**V. ZELENSKYI**

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2021 year



## **The State Emergency Service is a competent body in the field of activities related to facilities of increased danger**

In accordance with the changes made to the legislation of Ukraine, the State Emergency Service was designated as the competent authority in the field of activities of high-risk facilities and, among other powers, the following were determined:

provision of alerting and informing relevant authorities of other states whose territories may be affected by the accident and its consequences in case of cross-border impact of the accident.

Accordingly, a Contact Point was created in the State Emergency Service, which was included in the UNECE Industrial Accident Notification System.

This was one of the achievements on the way to joining the Convention.

At the end of 2021, on the initiative of the President of Ukraine, the draft Law of Ukraine on accession to the Convention was sent to the Verkhovna Rada for consideration.



2022 year



## **The Law of Ukraine «On Ukraine's Accession to the Convention on the Transboundary Impact of Industrial Accidents»**

With the beginning of the full-scale russian invasion of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada began to work in an intensified mode on the adoption of priority legal acts.

In April 2022, the State Emergency Service, in contact with the Secretariat of the Convention, requested the Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on Environmental Policy and Nature Management to identify the draft Law on Accession to the Convention among the priorities for consideration by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

With the support of the Committee, on May 3, 2022, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted the Law of Ukraine "On Ukraine's Accession to the Convention on the Transboundary Impact of Industrial Accidents."



2022 year



## A full party to the Convention

In November - December 2022, Ukraine took part in the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Impact of Industrial Accidents of the UNECE as a party to the Convention.

Work on the implementation of the provisions of the Convention continued.



2023 year



## **The State Emergency Service is a competent body in the field of activities related to objects of increased danger**

During the time of accession to the Convention, 6 normative legal acts aimed at implementing its provisions have already been adopted in Ukraine.

At the same time, in December 2023, the joint project of the UNECE and the European Investment Bank "Strengthening industrial safety in Ukraine through enhanced implementation and coordination with the Convention on Industrial Accidents" was launched, accordingly, Ukraine receives assistance to increase its capacity to improve prevention, preparedness and response to industrial accidents by strengthening the implementation of the UNECE Convention on Industrial Accidents.

The scope of the project, which will last until December 2024, consists in the preparation, review and finalization of a report with an analysis of the Ukrainian legislation on industrial safety with recommendations on bringing it into line with the main requirements of the Convention and the Roadmap for the implementation of the recommendations.



**Thank you!**