

## **SI reply to questionnaire of UN Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes**

In addition to the common EU reply which has been drafted from the input of EU Commission and its Member States and contains information on the overall framework which exists in EU on this subject, and was submitted to the UN Special Rapporteur, Slovenia has some additional aspects which are related to the national circumstances and are submitted separately to the Rapporteur.

### **In addition to the EU response:**

- *Directive 2006/123/EC of the European parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on services in the internal market.*
- *Council Directive 89/391/EEC of 12 June 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the health and safety of workers at work*

The role of the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities is to adopt occupational health and safety legislation, practical guidelines, to organize awareness-raising campaigns and give practical advice through promotional activities to employers and employees.

In the Republic of Slovenia occupational health and safety is covered by the “Health and Safety at Work Act” (OSH Act). The OSH Act transposes the framework *Council Directive 89/391/EEC of 12 June 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the health and safety of workers at work* and *Directive 2006/123/EC of the European parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on services in the internal market*. The OSH Act came into force in 2011 after more than a decade of validity of the previous Occupational Health and Safety Act, which was in force since 1999.

To *ensure chemical safety* in Republic of Slovenia MoLFSA adopted several rules, on the basis of EU Directives:

- Rules on protection of workers from risks related to exposure to carcinogens and/or mutagens; Official Journal no. 38/2000 and 101/2005 (Carcinogens or Mutagens Rules),
- Rules on the protection of workers from risks related to the exposure to chemical agents at work; Official Journal no. 100/2001 and 39/2005 (Chemical Agents Rules),
- Rules on the Protection of Workers against the Risks Arising from Exposure to Asbestos at Work; Official Journal no 93/05 (Asbestos Rules)
- Rules amending the Rules on the protection of workers from risks related to exposure to biological agents at work; Official Journal no. 39/2005 (Biological Agents Rules)
- Rules on health and safety of pregnant, breastfeeding and women who have recently given birth; Official Journal no. 82/2003 (OSH pregnant women Rules)
- Rules on health and safety of children adolescents and young people at work; Official Journal no. 82/2003 (Young people at work Rules)

MoLFSA is trying to help employers and employees also with other actions and publications, like:

- Online platform (Varnost in zdravje pri delu) gathering and making available all information related to OSH in Slovenia (by topic and by activity). The platform contains links to legislation, guidance documents, annual reports from the various departments dealing with OSH;
- Posters – MoLFSA published a number of posters promoting OSH at work;
- Risk assessment – Health and safety at work for SMS companies – Office of the Republic of Slovenia for health and safety at work published a booklet for employers in SMS companies;
- Practical guidelines for safe work with chemical agents – this publication provides guidelines for safe work and control over exposure to chemical agent;
- Practical guidelines for risk assessment at work with hazardous chemical agents – this publication provides guidelines for risk assessment for chemicals;
- Risk assessment for work with hazardous chemical substances – this online application provided by the MDDSZ offers practical guidelines for risk assessment for work with dangerous chemical substances;
- Practical guidelines for health surveillance and biological monitoring for lead etc.