



PROJECT INFORMATION

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Implementing the EU legislation (EC) No 648/2004 in Bulgaria: Inspections of producers of detergents and cleaning agents



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Background

The Detergents Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 includes rules for the protection of the environment and human health against detergents and cleaning agents, especially for consumers.

In a project of the BMU Advisory Assistance Programme with the Bulgarian Ministry of Environment and Water (MoEW) performed 08/2008 – 08/2009, regulations for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 648/2004 were developed. The legal foundations at national level have been established and the regional inspectors have been trained. Yet, further demand for assistance was discovered regarding the practical implementation of Regulation (EC) No 648/2004, in particular regarding the execution of inspections.

Project

The objective of this project was to strengthen the administrative capacity of the Bulgarian environmental and health inspectorates. Project activities have been inter alia:

- the drafting of a technical guidance for inspections,
- the participation of Bulgarian inspectors in an inspection of a producer of detergents in Germany by German authorities,
- a training of Bulgarian inspectors in handling checklists and inspection reports with the help of the developed technical guidance,
- an exchange of information between representatives of Bulgarian authorities and industry on the reduction of phosphates and borates in detergents and
- support for a cooperation between MoEW and the industry for agreements between industry and authorities.

The involvement of the producers of detergents in Bulgaria should facilitate a common understanding of relevant requirements and their enforcement.

- Target country: Bulgaria
- Duration: 11/2010 – 11/2011
- Implementing organisations: Lower Saxony State Office for Consumer Protection and Food Safety (LAVES), www.laves.niedersachsen.de
- Beneficiary: Ministry of Environment and Water
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