



**Workshop on  
Technical Harmonisation  
and  
Conformity Assessment in  
the EU**

**INT MARKT 42105**

**Venue:  
Congress Hotel\*\*\*plus (Best Western)  
Italy Street**

**Yerevan  
19-20 July 2010**

## **Aim of the meeting:**

The TAIEX workshop aims at developing administrative capacity in Armenia to prepare and conduct negotiations with the EU on possible Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA).

The target group of institutions comprises the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Transport and Communication, the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, the Ministry of Nature Protection, the Ministry of Healthcare, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Urban Development, the Ministry of Emergency Situations, National Institute of Standards, Accreditation Agency and National Institute of Metrology. Participants in the workshop will be selected among officials in charge of the DCFTA negotiations, members of the inter-institutional working groups to review and draft the new legislation dealing with technical regulations, conformity assessment and market surveillance and officials from the ministries drafting technical regulations.

The objective of the workshop is to provide a detailed explanation of EU legal framework for technical harmonisation and procedures for conformity assessment. A thorough presentation will be given of the following horizontal legislation: Decision (EC) No 768/2008, Regulation (EC) No 765/2008, Directive 2001/95/EC and Directive 85/374/EEC. The theoretical explanation will be complemented by a case study based on Directive 2006/95/EC on safety of electrical equipment. As a result, the workshop participants will develop a sound understanding of the horizontal legal basis for free movement of goods in the EU and be prepared to follow another training event focused on the EU-Armenia DCFTA sector-specific legislation.

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## Monday, 19 July 2010

**Chair: Dr. Varos Simonyan, Head of EU and International  
Economic Affairs Department**

09:00	Registration of participants
09:30	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p><b>Mr Mushekh Tumasyan</b> - Deputy Minister of Economy of Armenia</p> <p><b>Mr Raul de Luzenberger</b> – Head of EU Delegation to Armenia (tbc)</p>
10:00	<p><b>Principles of the Old and New Approaches to technical harmonisation</b></p> <p>Ms Catalina GROZA, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Business Environment, Romania</p>
11:00	Questions and Answers
11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:45	<p><b>New EU legislative framework for free movement of goods</b></p> <p>Ms Catalina GROZA, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Business Environment, Romania</p>
12:45	Questions and Answers
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00	<p><b>Conformity Assessment Procedures and Modules and Decision (EC) No 768/2008</b></p> <p>Ms Linda RINKULE, Consumer rights protection centre, Latvia</p>
15:00	Questions and Answers
15:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:45	<p><b>Principles of mutual recognition in the EU non-harmonised industrial products' sectors</b></p> <p>Ms Catalina GROZA, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Business Environment, Romania</p>
16:30	<p><b>EU conformity assessment system</b></p> <p>Ms Elita SKRIBNOVSKA, Ministry of Economics, Latvia</p>
17:15	Questions and Answers and Conclusions of the first day

## Tuesday, 20 July 2010

**Chair: Dr. Varos Simonyan, Head of EU and International  
Economic Affairs Department**

09:00	Registration of participants
09:15	<b>General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC</b> Ms Elita SKRIBNOVSKA, Ministry of Economics, Latvia
10:00	Questions and Answers
10:15	<b>EU Market Surveillance System and Regulation (EC) No 765/2008</b> Ms Baiba VITOLINA, Consumer rights protection centre, Latvia
11:15	Questions and Answers
11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:00	<b>Product Liability Directive 85/374/EEC</b> Ms Baiba VITOLINA, Consumer rights protection centre, Latvia
12:45	Questions and Answers
13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00	<b>Case study: Conformity Assessment of Electrical Appliances and Directive 2006/95/EC</b> Ms Linda RINKULE, Consumer rights protection centre, Latvia
14:45	Questions and Answers
15:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30	<b>Roundtable discussion on “Good practices of cooperation between public administration, market surveillance authorities and conformity assessment bodies to promote technical harmonisation and enforcement of industrial products’ legislation”</b>
16:30	<b>Conclusions</b>