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Occupational Limit Values for Hazardous Substances -
Healthy working conditions in a global economy

Valeurs Limites d'Exposition Professionnelles pour les
Substances Dangereuses -
Des conditions de travail saines dans une économie mondiale

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gesunde Arbeitsbedingungen in einer globalen Wirtschaft

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Dortmund, Germany, 7-8 May 2007

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Agenda

Monday, 7 May 2007

13:00-13:15h **Welcome to the Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA)**

Hans-Juergen Bieneck, Head of BAuA, Dortmund, Germany

REACHing limits – the need for adaptation of occupational limit values under the new chemicals policy

Cornelia Fischer, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Bonn, Germany

13:15-13:30h **Risk communication and occupational limit values - need for a better understanding**

Ragnar Lofstedt, King's College London, London, United Kingdom

Multiple starting points – common goals

13:30-14:00h **The REACH tool: derived no effect levels (DNEL)**

Sharon Munn, European Chemicals Bureau (ECB), Ispra, Italy

14:00-14:15h Discussion

14:15-14:45h **DNEL: multiple values for identical substances?**

Martin Kayser, BASF AG, Ludwigshafen, Germany

14:45-15:00h Discussion

Coffee Break

15:30-15:50h **Established tools:**

Occupational exposure limits (OEL) at the national level

Andrea Hartwig, Senate Commission for the Investigation of Health Hazards of Chemical Compounds in the Work Area (German MAK-Commission), Berlin, Germany

15:50-16:10h **... and at the international level (SCOEL)**

Vito Foá, chairman of the European **Scientific Committee** on Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL), Milano, Italy

16:10-16:30h Discussion

16:30-17:00h **Special tool: Acceptable operator exposure levels (AOEL)**

Cees de Heer, National Institute for Health and the Environment (RIVM), Bilthoven, The Netherlands

17:00-17:15h Discussion

17:15-17:30h **Perspectives on the future OEL concept under REACH – viewpoint of DG Employment**

Antonis Angelidis, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Luxembourg

17:30-18:15h **Ways to harmonise principles, quality and protection level of limit values (general discussion)**

Chair: Marek Jakubowski, Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine, Lodz, Poland

Tuesday, 8 May 2007

Ensuring exposure limitation

9:00-9:30h **Compliance with occupational limit values by applying the principles of Good Control Practice**

Christine Northage, Health Safety Executive (HSE), Bootle, United Kingdom

9:30-9:45h Discussion

9:45-10:15h **Compliance with occupational limit values by applying workplace measurements**

Ralph Hebisch, Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA), Dortmund, Germany

10:15-10:30h Discussion

Coffee Break

Necessary changes

11:00-11:30h **New responsibility for trade unions to ensure workers health within the framework of REACH**

Tony Musu, European Trade Union Institute for Research, Education, Safety and Health (ETUI-REHS), Brussels

11:30-11:45h Discussion

Lunch Break

13:00-13:40h **Integration of DNEL into national regulations for occupational safety and health**

(statements by representatives of EU-member states)

Eleonora Fabianova, Regional Authority of Public Health, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia; Jan Gromiec, Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine, Lodz, Poland; Helmut Klein, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Germany; Ad Vijlbrief, Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, The Netherlands

13:40-14:00h Discussion

14:00-14:50h **Transition to the new –how to organise the change** (general discussion)

Chair: Elke Schneider, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, Bilbao, Spain

14:50-15:00h **Closing remarks**

Helmut Klein, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Germany

15:00h **End of conference**