



A national authority's view on enforcement of Community legislation

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Parties in the market place

- Producers (broadly)
 - Place safe products on the market and supply sufficient information
- -Consumers (broadly)
 - Use products in a appropriate way and use the information
- -Government
 - Determine what "safe" is and enforce the rules





European Legislation

- -Almost 100% of the product legislation is European legislation
- -Almost 100% of the enforcement is national enfocement due to the principle of subsidiarity





Different national systems

-Organisation

- By Directive or everything
- At state level or local
- -Priorities
 - Risk based systems





European Coordination

- Prosafe
 - Informal Organisation of Enforcers on Product Safety in Europe
 - Reach out to business organisations
 - EMARS (Enhanced MARket Surveillance)
 Project





EMARS Project

-Prosafe Project 2006 – 2008

-Co Funded by the European Commission

-Total Costs € 1,5 Million





EMARS Workpackages

- -WP1 Database of documents
- -WP2 Rapid Advice Forum
- -WP3 Best Practices
- -WP4 Risk assessment
- -WP5 Secretariate
- -WP6 Dissimination
- -www.emars.eu





International Coordination

- ICPSC
 - International body of regulators

- -ICPHSO
 - International organisation of all stakeholders involved in product safety
 - www.icphso.org





Conclusions

European legislation needs European Enforcement Prosafe EMARS Project is supportive to this need





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A Global Market Place needs Globally Harmonised Enforcement