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#### QUESTIONNAIRE TEMPLATES FOR THE INVENTORIES OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL INITIATIVES

*These forms are accessible on the Internet. Delegates are invited to fill in the electronic versions and submit them according to the instructions by 15 September. Questions or inquires should be addressed to the OECD Secretariat (Ewelina.Marek@oecd.org).*

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## FOREWORD

The informal working group on product safety has developed two forms to develop information on product safety: one to gather information on regulatory and enforcement activities and another to gather information on international co-operation initiatives. The forms are accessible on the Internet, at:

- Form on national and supra-national activities:  
<http://webnet.oecd.org/Survey/Survey.aspx?s=74c7b7ed4b724305acca37b57a67cae6>
- Form on international initiatives:  
<http://webnet.oecd.org/Survey/Survey.aspx?s=d349691bd9894801909f645e2f49a4b6>

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The recall database questionnaire [DSTI/CP(2010)14] referred to on the Working Party's web page ([www.oecd.org/sti/consumer-policy/productsafety](http://www.oecd.org/sti/consumer-policy/productsafety)) is available on OLIS and Clearspace.

## ANNEX I

**REPORTING FORM FOR THE INVENTORY OF NATIONAL/SUPRA-NATIONAL  
REGULATORY AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

The reporting form should be completed on the Internet. The Internet address is: <http://webnet.oecd.org/Survey/Survey.aspx?s=74c7b7ed4b724305acca37b57a67cae6>

The aim of the form is to collect information about existing and planned regulatory actions and enforcement activities at national and supra-national levels (please note that information on international co-operation initiatives should be reported on a separate form). It covers, amongst others, information about upcoming legislative changes, market surveillance actions, standardisation developments and initiatives to address emerging risks.

Following is a filled-in example:

<i><b>Your country/jurisdiction</b></i>	European Union
<i><b>Organisation(s) in your jurisdiction(s) responsible for overseeing the activity</b></i>	European Commission – DG Health and Consumers
<i><b>Type of activity</b></i>	Revision of the European Union's General Product Safety Directive
<i><b>Nature of activity</b></i>	Legislative
<i><b>Scope of activity</b></i>	Revising the legislative framework for ensuring consumer products placed on the EU market are safe.
<i><b>Key dates</b></i>	Revision started in early 2010. Commission proposal expected by mid-2011.
<i><b>Short description of activity</b></i>	The framework set up under the two successive General Product Safety Directives - Directive 92/59/EC and 2001/95/EC - has built up, in almost two decades, a system that fosters a general culture that all consumer products must be safe, and integrates the role of European standards for otherwise non-harmonised products. However, recurrent product safety alerts, either of global or regional relevance, have made it clear that we need a system that delivers

	more rapidly, efficiently and consistently throughout the EU and which, at the same time, is flexible enough to adapt to the challenges of globalisation and continue to contribute to the EU internal market of safe products.
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<b>Additional information</b>	

## ANNEX II

## REPORTING FORM FOR THE INVENTORY OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION INITIATIVES

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The aim of the form is to collect information about existing and planned international cooperation initiatives (whether formal or informal) in the consumer product safety area. It covers, amongst others, information about agreements in place, authorities involved, contact persons, the nature and scope of initiatives, working groups established and the frequency of meetings. Please complete a separate form for each initiative.

Following is a filled-in example:

<i>Your country/jurisdiction</i>	European Union
<i>Organisation(s) in your jurisdiction(s) responsible for overseeing the initiative</i>	European Commission – DG SANCO
<i>Partner country(ies)/jurisdiction(s)</i>	People's Republic of China
<i>Partner organisation(s)</i>	General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ)
<i>Type/nature of initiative</i>	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
<i>Scope of initiative</i>	Food and non-food product safety
<i>Key dates</i>	First signed in February 2006. Updated in November 2008.
<i>Short description of initiative</i>	The MoU establishes a framework for better communication and collaboration between EU and Chinese authorities on general product safety and sought to support Chinese authorities in their efforts to ensure product safety, particularly for consumer goods exported to the EU.  The MoU puts in place a number of practical measures, including joint meetings,

	<p>exchanges of information and follow-up to identified problems. This includes cooperation on product testing and exchanges of information on scientific, technical and regulatory matters and emerging issues. One concrete measure under the MoU is that information from the RAPEX system (the Rapid Alert System for non-food consumer products) concerning products of Chinese origin is being made available to AQSIQ, thereby allowing Chinese authorities to directly follow up notifications regarding unsafe products (the so-called RAPEX China system).</p> <p>The updated MoU includes clearer reference to the RAPEX-China system and the roles of both sides in this respect, provides for more opportunities to cooperate, for example by undertaking joint enforcement actions, mentions the established working groups between the EC and AQSIQ and clarifies the confidentiality understanding regarding the exchange of information.</p> <p>Under the MoU, two working groups (one on the RAPEX China system and one on consumer product safety and market surveillance) meet at least once per year.</p>
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