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**Working Party on Consumer Product Safety**

**DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE WORKSHOP ON PRODUCT RISK ASSESSMENT**

**To be held at the Dan Tel-Aviv Hotel, 99 HaYarkon Street, Tel-Aviv, Israel  
20 April 2012**

*Attached is a draft agenda for the workshop on product risk assessment to be held back-to-back with the 4th Session of the Working Party on Consumer Product Safety, in Tel-Aviv, Israel.*

*In preparation for the workshop, participants are requested to review the case studies [DSTI/CP/CPS(2012)3/ADD] and assess risks using their own domestic methodologies. This input will then be shared in group work.*

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## WORKSHOP ON PRODUCT RISK ASSESSMENT

### Draft Agenda

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**99 HaYarkon Street, Tel Aviv, Israel**

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	SESSION	SPEAKERS/ MODERATORS	INDICATIVE TIMING
1.	<b>WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION</b>	<p><b>Ms. Ruth MACKAY</b>  <i>Chair, OECD Working Party on Consumer Product Safety</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Daniel GOLDSTEIN</b>  <i>Standards Institution of Israel, Israel</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Mark BEZZINA</b>  <i>StanCert, Australia</i></p>	8.45-9.00
2.	<p><b>RISK ASSESSMENT CONTEXT AND VISION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is risk assessment?</li> <li>• What is our vision for this workshop?</li> <li>• What is our vision for risk assessment?</li> <li>• What are the attributes of a sound risk assessment methodology?</li> <li>• The importance of tools to assist with risk assessment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms. Ruth MACKAY</b>  <i>Australian Competition &amp; Consumer Commission, Australia</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Helen RYAN</b>  <i>Health Canada, Canada</i></p>	9.00-9.20
3.	<p><b>EXPERT VIEWS ON RISK ASSESSMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science based quarantine risk assessment.</li> <li>• Chemical risk assessment at the German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment.</li> <li>• Assessing risks in a new market: electric cars.</li> </ul> <p>Speakers will provide an overview of the methodologies they use and their views on the strengths and weaknesses of the methodologies. New approaches will also be discussed.</p>	<p><b>Prof. Mark BURGMAN</b>  <i>University of Melbourne, Australia</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Colin GRANT</b>  <i>Biosecurity Australia, Australia</i></p> <p><b>Prof. Dr. Thomas PLATZEK</b>  <i>German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, Germany</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Ziva PATIR</b>  <i>Better Place, Israel</i></p>	9.20-10.30

Coffee break		10.30-10.50	
4.	<p><b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>The panel will explore the key attributes of the risk assessment methodologies presented to understand what could be applied to product safety. The audience will be invited to ask questions and provide comments.</p>	<p><b>Ms. Ruth MACKAY</b> <i>Australian Competition &amp; Consumer Commission, Australia</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Helen RYAN</b> <i>Health Canada, Canada</i></p> <p><b>Prof. Mark BURGMAN</b> <i>University of Melbourne, Australia</i></p> <p><b>Dr. Colin GRANT</b> <i>Biosecurity Australia, Australia</i></p> <p><b>Prof. Dr. Thomas PLATZEK</b> <i>German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment, Germany</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Ziva PATIR</b> <i>Better Place, Israel</i></p>	10.50-11.25
5.	<p><b>CONSUMER RISK ASSESSMENT SCENARIOS</b></p> <p>Prior to the workshop, participants are invited to review the case studies [<a href="#">DSTI/CP/CPS(2012)3/ADD</a>] and assess risks using their own domestic methodologies, if they can.</p> <p>At the workshop, participants will be divided into small groups, in which they will be invited to follow the methodologies used in Australia and Europe, and share their own approaches on how they identify the severity of a potential hazard and the likelihood of an injury. The experts from the morning session will join the groups to share their insights.</p> <p>In carrying out the assessments, participants should try to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine the level of risk associated with the product and scenario.</li> <li>• Identify the strengths and weaknesses of the methodology.</li> <li>• Consider the common and desirable elements of the methodologies.</li> <li>• Identify what additional steps might be needed and any documented tools, tables or processes that might be utilised to assist with any of the identified or additional steps.</li> <li>• Compare these approaches to the approaches used by group participants.</li> </ul>	11.25-15.30	

a)	<p><b>AUSTRALIAN CASE STUDY ON ETHANOL BURNER</b></p> <p><i>11:25-11:45</i> Presentation of the Australian Nomograph</p> <p><i>11:45-12:30</i> Groups to carry out the risk assessment, led by a facilitator; facilitator to report on outcome to the plenary</p> <p><i>11:45-12:30</i> Open discussion</p>	<i>11.25-13.00</i>
Lunch break		<i>13.00-14.00</i>
b)	<p><b>EU CASE STUDY ON SKY LANTERNS</b></p> <p><i>14.00-14.15</i> Presentation of the EU RAPEX tool</p> <p><i>14.15-15.00</i> Groups to carry out the risk assessment, led by a facilitator; facilitator to report on outcome to the plenary</p> <p><i>15.00-15.30</i> Open discussion</p>	<i>14.00-15.30</i>
6.	<p><b>KEY ATTRIBUTES OF RISK ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGIES USED FOR PRODUCT SAFETY</b></p> <p>Following on from the scenario work, the groups will be invited to identify the key attributes of an effective product safety risk assessment, and identify any tools, tables or processes that might be used to assist the risk assessment process. They will also be invited to make suggestions for future actions to achieve the risk vision presented under item 2 of the draft agenda.</p> <p>The outcomes of these discussions will then be presented and discussed in the full group.</p> <p><i>15:30-16:35</i> Identification of key attributes of an effective product risk assessment methodology and suggestions to achieve the risk vision</p> <p><i>16:35-17:15</i> Group presentations</p>	<i>15.30-17.15</i>

7.	<p><b>CONCLUSIONS AND FINAL REMARKS</b></p> <p>The moderator will summarise the discussion, addressing the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has been learned/observed?</li> <li>• Is there a high level of similarity across methodologies?</li> <li>• What are the key differences?</li> <li>• What are the key areas of agreement about a vision for sound risk assessment, risk assessment attributes, methodologies and tools?</li> <li>• Is there further work that could be undertaken by consumer regulators as a group on risk assessment?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Mark BEZZINA</b> <i>StanCert, Australia</i></p> <p><b>Ms. Ruth MACKAY</b> <i>Chair, OECD Working Party on Consumer Product Safety</i></p>	<i>17.15-17.30</i>
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