

Chemicals management in Georgia



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International Treaties

- Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part
- Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
- Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants
- Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal
- Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and Montreal protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer
- The Paris Convention on the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- Minamata Convention on Mercury – 2013, signed (not ratified yet)

Main Stakeholder State Agencies

- Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection
- Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Affairs
- Ministry of Economic and Sustainable Development
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Crisis Management Centre
- Ministry of Defense
- Ministry of Internal Affairs (Emergency Management Agency)



Legislation

- Waste Management Code (enforced 15.01.2015)
- By-law On Special Requirements for Collection and Treatment of Hazardous Waste (adopted 29.03.2016)
- Waste Management National Strategy (01.04.2016);
- Waste Management National Action Plan (01.04.2016);
- Decree N133/N of Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs on “Approval of the list of hazardous chemical substances subject to prohibition of production, use and export-import or severely restricted use” (since 26.03.2001)

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Ongoing activities:

- ▶ draft decree (by-law) “on Rule of Import and Export of Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides and Implementation of Prior Informed Consent Procedure”
- ▶ review and update the National Implementation Plan (NIP) on POPs
- ▶ Mercury initial assessment (mercury profile and initial assessment report)



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Planned activities :

- ▶ Draft Law on Chemicals Management (2017-2019 - as envisaged in 2015-2019 Action Plan of the National CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) Threats Reduction Strategy; Open, donor support will be required)
- ▶ Draft law / by-law on Classification, Labeling and Packaging of Substances and Mixtures (by 01.09.2020 for substances and by 01.09.2021 for mixtures)
- ▶ By-law “On Mercury”

Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Georgia

“Lead Poisoning free, healthy kids for the future”

Sakvarelidze National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC&PH of Georgia) has participated in Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in Georgia, conducted by Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint and World Health Organization.

- ▶ Lecture on “Air Pollution and its impact on human Health”
- ▶ Lecture about “Negative Impact of Lead Exposition on Human health”
- ▶ Distribution of the informational brochures and Q&A meeting with Tbilisi State Medical University Students
- ▶ Seminars in the kindergardens – “First Step” and “Sapovnela” with parents and teachers

Challenges and Needs

- Lack of legislative regulations (legally-binding documents on lead in paint; for manufacturers/importers to change to producing/importing lead-free paint/products)
- Low awareness (Education Activities, mass media campaigns, etc.)



Thank you