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Dear Madam,

I am a Master's degree Student at a Portuguese Superior Institute in Lisbon and I am developing a research on "Seveso Directive - What criterion of risk acceptability to Portugal?".

With your authority and expertise in this subject, and considering countries that have implemented safety distances and / or approved acceptable risk levels, would you please answer the following questions?

1-What is the deadline that Portugal has to define and to implement the safety distances?

2-Is there a request for a country to have an acceptable level of risk? If yes, is there a deadline for implementation?"

Considering countries that have implemented safety distances and / or approved acceptable risk levels what were the procedures?

3 – As a consequence of the implementation of safety distances, were the existing installations closed, relocated, or any other option?

4 – Were populations relocated?

5 - Was there any change in technology or substitution of dangerous substances for less dangerous ones in Seveso sites?

I would really appreciate if you could contribute to my research. Since I am just finishing would it be possible to reply within the next two weeks?

I am very grateful,

Best regards,

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Dear Ms. Araujo,

These decisions are part of the country's transposition of Seveso and these decisions are up to the national government. Therefore, it is best to ask the various countries directly about how the criteria they use to ensure adequate safety distances. However, to start with, some of this information has been compiled within the land-use planning materials that we have developed with the EU Member States. You can obtain these from this site: <http://ipsc.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?id=503>

I can answer question 1, however. There is no deadline for establishing safety distances. Portugal only has to

indicate in its transposition of the Directive how it will approach the issue. Moreover, your questions imply that some actual fixed safety distances are used and must be somehow listed (e.g., 500 metres) in the legislation. This is not the case. You should be aware that the language in the Directive does not require that countries establish fixed safety distances but only to assure that safety distances are adequate. Most countries do not use a fixed distance but use a risk assessment approach that is applied on a case by case basis. Many of these approaches are described in the resources that I recommended above.

You should also recall that the land-use planning requirement only applies to new industrial sites, new developments around industrial sites, and modifications to either of these that could alter the distance between a non-industrial use and the hazard.

The acceptable level of risk is defined in the Seveso Directive within the Article: General Obligations of the Operator. It is up to the country if it wishes to define this further quantitatively and qualitatively.

Once you understand how this works, I suggest you contact some of the national governments themselves to obtain more detailed answers. A good subset of countries might include your own country, Portugal, as well as France, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria, Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom, Ireland and one Scandinavian country (e.g., Sweden) because the Scandinavians have more land they often take a different approach than countries further south.

I can help get contacts for you but you need to read up on how it works first. Get back in touch with me in a week or two, and by then I may have some contacts, and you should have already looked at the land-use planning resources to understand some of the ways land-use planning requirements in different Member States. This will allow you to understand which questions are most interesting and appropriate.

Best regards,

Maureen Wood

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