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## 2004 Global Forecast of Environmental Health and Safety Policy and Regulatory Developments Impacting Industry

### New International Chemicals Management Scheme, Global Warming and Prevention of Workplace Accidents Top List of Global EHS Priorities for 2003-2004

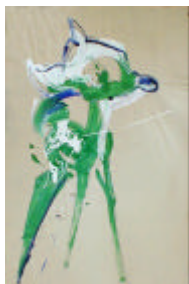
- Implementation of a new global chemical classification and labeling scheme will require substantial new laws and regulations worldwide over the coming years to adjust existing requirements or to develop new programmes where these do not presently exist, and new European policy will fundamentally change the way in which chemicals are approved for the market. Measures to combat global climate change will also remain high on the policy agendas of many nations, particularly the introduction of emissions trading schemes aimed at achieving Kyoto-mandated reductions in the most cost-effective manner. Rolling back the growing number of work-related fatalities and reducing workplace accidents is a third global priority that will see significant new legislation and regulatory initiatives in virtually every part of the globe in the near-term future.
- These are just three of the key trends discerned from a detailed analysis of global EHS regulatory developments tracked by ENHESA – Environmental Policy Centre, and the subject of ENHESA's second annual global EHS regulatory forecast exercise. ENHESA has been monitoring global EHS regulatory developments for over a decade, to advise clients on where, when and how new environmental and occupational safety and health policies and legislation will impact their international operations and product markets. ENHESA began forecasting EHS regulatory developments five years ago, and last year's forecasts were made available to the broad international business community for the first time.
- In early 2002, ENHESA's annual forecast for the coming 12-18 months included as top priorities for regulatory action the continued extension of industrial emergency planning and response requirements, notably in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 attacks and a major industrial accident in France.
- The Enron debacle was seen as leading to greater demands for corporate transparency and accountability, not least in the area of environmental performance. The third top priority issue involved efforts to implement measures to stem global climate change, particularly in light of major differences between the approach taken by the USA and virtually every other industrialised country.
- These issues continue to occupy a prominent place in our forecast for legislative and regulatory initiatives for the balance of 2003 and into 2004. Last year's top concern, industrial emergency planning measures, for example, continues to be the focus of significant legislation around the world, not least in the European Union with plans to extend further the Seveso II directive. However, the new Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS), which was adopted in December 2002, now moves to the front of the list of major regulatory issues facing virtually all industry over the coming year or more. This new system, the outcome of collaborative efforts at the World Health Organisation, the International Labour Organisation, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and the European Union, was broadly supported by the chemical industry because of its promise to harmonise at international level the manner in which chemicals are classified according to their hazards and are thus to be labeled (using universally understandable pictogrammes), as well as a uniform system of safety data sheets. At the same time, the EU's White Paper on the Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals (REACH), by bringing new and existing chemicals under the same regulatory framework, promises a sea-change in the way in which chemicals are approved for placement on the market.

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## Asia Pacific



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### Australia

- NSW: Protection of the Environment Operations Act (PEOA) being reviewed - 01-Dec-1997 [1536]
- Victoria: Waste classification of Contaminated Soil published - 31-Oct-2002 [4641]
- Proposed exemptions from prohibition on the use of chrysotile asbestos - 17-Oct-2001 [4359]
- Second edition of the National Standard for the Control of Major Hazard Facilities declared - 08-Nov-2002 [4852]

### Japan

- Revision of the Enforcement Order concerning Waste Treatment and Cleansing Law - 23-Oct-2002 [5629]
- Regulation implementing the Soil Contamination Control Law adopted - 26-Dec-2002 [5628]
- Law on Soil Contamination Control enters into force - 29-May-2002 [4742]

### Malaysia

- No relevant new development of interest adopted this quarter.

### New Zealand

- No relevant new adopted development of interest identified this quarter.

### Thailand

- Publication of the Criteria for the management of solid waste in the Bangkok Metropolitan area - 28-Jan-2002 [5606]

### Singapore

- Electrical workers regulations 2002 adopted - 29-Nov-2002 [5587]
- Electricity (Electrical Installations) Regulations 2002 adopted - 30-Dec-2002 [5589]
- Amendment to Factories Act adopted - 08-Feb-2000 [3104]
- Factories Examination and Test of Steam Boilers Order 2002 adopted - 25-Oct-2002 [5521]
- Order requiring safety training courses for certain employees amended - 23-Mar-2001 [4372]

### China

- Measures for Hazardous Chemicals Registration Management - 08-Oct-2002 [4005]
- Opinions on Special Operators Safety Training and Examination - 18-Dec-2002 [3014]
- Opinions on Implementing the Measures for Hazardous Chemicals Registration Management - 21-Nov-2002 [5603]
- Environmental Impact Assessment Law adopted - 28-Oct-2002 [2709]
- Measures for Hazardous Chemicals Sales Permit Management - 08-Oct-2002 [5605]

### Hong Kong

- No relevant new development of interest adopted this quarter.

### India

- No relevant new development of interest adopted this quarter.

### Indonesia

- No relevant new development of interest adopted this quarter.

### Philippines

- No relevant new development of interest adopted this quarter.

### South Korea

- Adopted amendments to the industrial safety and health act - 30-Dec-2002 [5572]
- Adopted amendments to the regulation of the waste control act - 07-Aug-2002 [5627]
- Update list of new chemical substances which are not toxic - 17-Dec-2002 [5640]
- Update list on name, toxicity and countermeasures of new chemical substances from the Ministry of Labor - 07-Sep-2002 [5641]
- Adopted amendments to the enforcement decree of the act on the promotion of saving and recycling of resources - 18-Dec-2002 [5626]
- Adopted amendments to the regulation on the technical standards for fire prevention - 16-Nov-2002 [5642]

# South America

## Argentina

- Authorization for trading with Halon 1301, 1211 and 2402 as fire extinguishing agents - 19-Jul-2002 [5625]
- PCB decontamination and management law adopted - 23-Oct-2002 [5591]
- Integrated waste management law adopted - 03-Jul-2002 [5618]
- General law on the environment adopted - 06-Nov-2002 [5619]
- Buenos Aires - PCBs banned in the Province of Buenos Aires - 06-Aug-2002 [3421]

## Brazil

- CONOMA Resolution on national inventory for solid industrial waste adopted - 29-Oct-2002 [5013]
- Energy efficiency requirements for three-phase squirrel cage induction motors adopted - 11-Dec-2002 [5584]
- CONAMA Resolution on waste incineration adopted - 29-Oct-2002 [5563]
- Legislation on environmental permit for petrol stations amended - 29-Nov-2000 [4212]

## Puerto Rico

- Amendment to section 1904 on Reports of Occupational Illnesses and Damages - 01-Jul-2002 [5633]
- New Amendment to Occupational Health & Safety Act - 19-Dec-2002 [5632]

## Colombia

- Dangerous goods transport and handling requirements adopted - 31-Jul-2002 [5518]
- Regulation on environmental licenses adopted - 06-Aug-2002 [5517]

## Costa Rica

- Constitution of the Interparliamentary Commission on Environment and Development of Central America - 11-Feb-2002 [5646]
- Costa Rica ratifies the Kyoto Protocol Convention on Climate Change - 11-Feb-2002 [5645]

## Chile

- Regulation on Environmental Impact Evaluation Amended - 27-Aug-2001 [5552]



# North America

## Canada

- Ontario: Nutrient Management Act, 2002 adopted - 26-Jun-2002 [5566]
- Quebec: Act respecting Labour Standards reviewed - 19-Dec-2002 [5201]
- New substances fees regulations adopted - 15-Oct-2002 [4619]
- Ontario: Sustainable Water and Sewage Systems Act, 2002 adopted - 10-Dec-2002 [5571]
- Ontario: Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 adopted - 13-Dec-2002 [5535]

## Mexico

- No relevant new development of interest adopted this quarter.

## United States

- Ratified: Montreal Protocol amendments to further restrict CFC use - 09-Oct-2002 [5607]
- Published: Final rule exempting from permit rule treatment works accepting wastewater from industry - 28-Oct-2002 [5608]
- Revised: mercury test procedure to clarify quality control and sampling issues. - 29-Oct-2002 [5610]
- Issued: Final rule for measuring chronic toxicity of industrial effluents - 08-Nov-2002 [5615]
- Issued: Amended emission standard for benzene waste - 12-Nov-2002 [5616]
- Issued: Revisions to existing requirements for exit routes, emergency action plans, and fire prevention plans - 07-Nov-2002 [5624]
- Issued: Rule requiring emission limits for forklift trucks and other nonroad vehicles - 08-Nov-2002 [5614]

*Do you know that there are new requirements for work in confined spaces imminent in Brazil? (Proposed Regulatory Norm (NR) 31)*

# Africa (limited to Egypt and South Africa)

## South Africa

- No relevant new development of interest adopted this quarter.

## Egypt

- No relevant new development of interest adopted this quarter.

## European Union



- Amended Directive on air emission limits for non-road mobile machinery adopted - 17-Aug-2001 [4143]
- Directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) adopted - 27-Jan-2003 [1320]
- Revised Directive on public access to environmental information adopted - 28-Jan-2003 [3666]
- Directive on hazardous substance restrictions in electronic equipment (RoHS) adopted - 27-Jan-2003 [3648]
- Directive on restrictions on the marketing and use of certain flame retardants adopted - 06-Feb-2003 [4327]
- Directive on energy performance of buildings adopted - 16-Dec-2002 [4432]
- Directive on minimum health and safety requirements for noise exposure - 06-Feb-2003 [4429]

## Western Europe

### Austria

- Ordinance on waste incineration adopted - 25-Oct-2002 [1371]
- Ordinance on Waste Oils adopted - 25-Oct-2002 [5558]
- Ordinance on the notification of chemicals adopted - 19-Nov-2002 [5559]
- Ordinance on Liquid Gas adopted - 10-Dec-2002 [5560]
- Ordinance specifying mobile waste treatment installations requiring a permit - 17-Dec-2002 [5561]
- Ordinance to prohibit and restrict the use of HFCs, PFCs and SF6 adopted - 10-Dec-2002 [4518]
- Ordinance on the storage of pressure gas containers adopted - 20-Dec-2002 [5562]
- Ordinance on end-of-life vehicles adopted - 05-Nov-2002 [5524]

### Belgium

- Royal Decision on restricting the marketing of certain dangerous chemicals amended - 25-Oct-2002 [4584]
- Royal Order on the protection of workers against chemical risks - 11-Oct-2002 [5108]
- Royal Order amends list of occupational diseases - 02-Aug-2002 [4749]
- WALLONIA: Order on sectoral conditions for combustion installations - [5643]

### Portugal

- Amended Decree Law to restrict marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations - 03-Nov-1999 [2348]
- Ordinance on fire safety in administrative buildings adopted - 19-Sep-2002 [5557]
- Decree-Law on general noise rules amended - 23-Nov-2003 [5554]
- Decree-Law on licensing of storage installations for petroleum products adopted - 26-Nov-2002 [5553]
- Decree-Law on maintenance and inspection of lifts adopted - 28-Dec-2002 [5556]

### France

- Order on loss prevention in indoor warehouses submitted to authorisation under rubric 1510 of the classified installation legislation - 05-Aug-2002 [5567]
- Annexes to the Order on restrictions on use and marketing of dangerous substances (CMT) modified - 19-Apr-2001 [1336]
- Implementing Decree on the protection of pregnant women at work published - 23-Oct-2002 [4347]
- Decree on the use of lifting and mobile equipment - 03-Dec-2002 [2229]
- Annexes A and B of the Order on transport of dangerous goods by road published - 05-Dec-2002 [2667]
- Decree on the protection of workers exposed to asbestos modified - 24-Dec-2002 [5531]

### Spain

- Ionizing radiation protection expert qualifications and training requirements - 06-Nov-2002 [5550]
- Amendment to Royal Decree 1406/89 on restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations - 25-Oct-2002 [2401]
- Technical Instruction on Heating Installations partially amended - 22-Feb-2003 [2317]
- Air quality criteria adopted in relation to sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, particulates, lead, benzene and carbon monoxide emissions - 18-Oct-2002 [5579]

### Sweden

- EPA adopts regulations on waste incineration - 11-Dec-2002 [5596]
- Regulations on handling of combustible waste - 31-Oct-2001 [4826]
- Regulations on pre-treatment of electric and electronic waste amended - 03-Apr-2001 [2959]

*Do you know that the 80 dB(A) Action Level in the Netherlands will be applicable throughout Europe by 15 February 2006?*

## Norway

- Regulation on transport of oil through land pipes adopted - 23-Dec-2002 [5600]
- Regulation on transporting dangerous goods by road and railway adopted - 11-Nov-2002 [4548]

## Italy

- New requirements on Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for dangerous substances and preparations - 07-Sep-2002 [1274]
- Developments in the scope of Legislative Decree 372/99 on integrated pollution prevention and control (IPPC) - 27-Dec-2002 [2796]
- Further adaptation to technical progress of the annexes to DM 28 April 1997 on dangerous substances - 26-Jan-2001 [3028]
- New requirements for annual reporting and notification of waste generation and pollutant emissions (MUD) - 24-Dec-2002 [2546]
- New guidelines for the participation to the CONAI system for the management of packaging and packaging waste - 01-Nov-2002 [1617]

## United Kingdom

- Adopted Waste Incineration (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 - 03-Dec-2002 [1489]
- Adopted amending Air Quality Regulations for England - 10-Dec-2002 [3094]
- Town and Country Planning legislation adopted - 23-Oct-2002 [3985]
- Adopted Control of Lead at Work Regulations 2002 - 24-Oct-2002 [4773]
- Building Regulations amended - 16-Nov-2002 [3975]
- Adopted Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002 - 07-Nov-2002 [4947]
- Adopted amending Regulations on plastic materials and articles that come into contact with food - 04-Dec-2002 [5374]
- Adopted Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002 - 24-Oct-2002 [3690]
- Adopted Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002 - 24-Oct-2002 [1954]
- Adopted amendments to the Notification of Installations Handling Hazardous Substances Regulations 1982 - 02-Dec-2002 [5370]
- Adopted amending Regulations on Maternity and Parental Leave - 11-Nov-2002 [4106]
- Adopted amendments to Dangerous Substances and Preparations Regulations - 04-Dec-2002 [5371]
- Adopted amending Air Quality Limit Values Regulations - 16-Dec-2002 [4640]

## Germany

- Energy tax increases and tax breaks are reduced - 23-Dec-2002 [2405]
- Amendments to ordinance on energy consumption of appliances adopted - 06-Dec-2002 [5526]
- Transport of dangerous goods exemption Ordinance 2002 published - 06-Nov-2002 [5525]
- Ordinance on Energy Consumption Labels amended - 06-Dec-2002 [5527]

## Denmark

- Statutory Order on notification of occupational accidents and short-term injuries adopted - 09-Jan-2003 [2786]
- Ban on phthalates in toys modified - [2176]
- Statutory Order on notifying new chemical substances adopted - 19-Nov-2003 [5634]
- Statutory Order on emission ceilings for certain atmospheric pollutants adopted - 08-Jan-2003 [5630]

## Finland

- Energy labelling of air conditioning equipment becomes obligatory - 20-Dec-2002 [5597]

## Netherlands

- Implementing Rules on environmental reporting amended - 18-Oct-2002 [140]
- Amended 2002 Rule on Subsidies for Environmental Technology - 06-Nov-2002 [1090]
- Amended Working Conditions Rule in relation to fiscal incentives for investments in good working conditions - 10-Dec-2002 [1303]
- Implementing Rules on Decision on compulsory soil investigation for company sites amended - 03-Sep-2002 [3710]
- Adopted legislation on site-specific circumstances for soil-remediation - 10-Oct-2002 [1098]
- Amended Rules on packaging and packaging waste - 03-Dec-2002 [5134]
- Adopted Act on the publication of poor working conditions of large employers - 12-Dec-2002 [5570]
- Adopted consolidated Building Decision 2003 - 29-Oct-2002 [4649]

## Ireland

- Adopted Regulations on Emissions of VOCs from Organic Solvents - 28-Nov-2002 [5551]
- Adopted Medical Radiation Protection Regulations 2002 - 15-Oct-2002 [5523]

## Switzerland

- Ordinance on transport of dangerous goods by road adopted - 29-Nov-2002 [5528]



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# Eastern Europe



## Poland

- Adoption of a new Ordinance on Environmental Impact assessment - 24-Sep-2002 [2199]
- Ordinance on environmental quality standards of soil and earth adopted - 09-Sep-2002 [5594]
- Requirements on the management and disposal of PCB and PCB contaminated equipment adopted - 24-Jun-2002 [5287]
- Water quality standards for bathing waters and water for human consumption modified - 27-Nov-2002 [4135]
- Adopted Ordinance on ozone-depleting substances (ODS) - 25-Nov-2002 [4465]

## Russia

- List of facilities subject to Federal State environmental supervision published - 29-Oct-2002 [5580]

## Hungary

- Government Decree relating to air protection complemented - 14-Feb-2001 [4413]
- Government decree on protection against serious accidents involving dangerous substances amended - 01-Oct-2002 [4416]
- Decree on the protection against carcinogens at work and prevention from related health damage amended - 16-Nov-2002 [4219]
- Decree on chemical safety at work amended - 28-Nov-2002 [4217]
- Fire protection fines extended - 26-Sep-2002 [5568]

## Czech Republic

- Regulation on the protection of the health of employees at work amended - 14-Oct-2002 [4673]
- IPPC Act modified - 05-Feb-2002 [3839]
- Regulation on air pollution emission limits and information of the public - 16-Dec-2002 [5536]

*Eastern Europe is the only region in the world where all countries have undergone a fundamental review and change of all EHS regulations and laws. In the last five years, they have adjusted their legislation with the EU*

*legislation as it had been developed in the past 30 years. Everything you thought you knew about these countries is likely to be outdated if it dates back more than 5 years. New legal systems, new authorities, new permits, new requirements, new enforcement procedures, new taxation systems...*

*Enhesa-EPC can provide you with a detailed **Country Profile** for each of these countries, describing on some 50 pages the legal framework for EHS, competent authorities and in depth overview of the EHS regulations and how they impact industry.*

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- This Round-up highlights some of the regulatory EHS developments that occurred in the fourth quarter of 2002. For details, you could consult the EPC Update which provides you with a one paragraph summary for each development and the possibility to obtain further relevant details. The EPC update is available for 1000 USD per year.
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## 2004 Global Forecast

### New International Chemicals Management Scheme, Global Warming and Prevention of Workplace Accidents Top List of Global EHS Priorities for 2003-2004

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- The new approach will impact all manufacturers and importers of chemicals, and will increasingly place the onus on them to prove that the substances they purvey are safe, rather than obliging the governments concerned to prove that they are unsafe.
- With the Kyoto protocol likely to enter into force either later this year or sometime next year, a growing number of countries are pushing to introduce new greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions trading schemes. At latest count, some 56 countries in Europe, North America and Asia have introduced or will introduce emissions trading for CO<sub>2</sub> and/or all six GHGs. In Europe and Japan, as well as other OECD countries (Canada and Australia), industry can expect more active regulatory controls and fiscal instruments, such as energy taxes and minimum energy efficiency standards to meet their Kyoto objectives.
- In the 2002 forecast, controlling workplace exposures, particularly to toxic and hazardous chemicals was among the top ten areas of anticipated new legislation. While significant measures were taken around the world in this regard over the past 12 months, it is evident that there has been a significant shift in focus: from illnesses and deaths that might occur 15 and 20 years in the future to injuries and fatalities that are happening on a nearly pandemic scale in workplaces around the globe. For every one of the estimated 2 million work-related fatalities in 2002, the ILO estimates that some 500 to 2,000 workers were injured, with varying degrees of severity. This is prompting governments worldwide to take more proactive measures to regulate work equipment and workplaces, including obliging more rigorously the provision of personal protective equipment. Such measures are clearly in evidence in Europe and other OECD countries, but also are seen growing in importance in the Asia/Pacific countries and Latin America, and even southern Africa. Occupational safety and health reporting requirements are also spreading in line with the above measures, with new illness and injury reporting requirements cropping up in Asia (China, Korea), Europe and even South Africa.
- In preparing this forecast, ENHESA regulatory specialists in Europe, North America and the Asia/Pacific region screened more than two thousand individual regulatory initiatives identified in the course of 2002 involving over 40 countries on five continents. Of these, over one thousand specific policy and regulatory measures were analysed, leading to the identification of over 850 initiatives that were deemed to hold significant implications for global industry in general.
- These initiatives were then analysed against the backdrop of the existing regulatory framework at national and international levels and current industry practice to reveal ten priority areas that will broadly impact international business over the coming twelve to eighteen months.
- Companies operating globally, as well as those operating in less extensive geographic areas, need to be conscious of the risks and opportunities to which these new policy and regulatory initiatives will give rise. For example, although the new global and European chemical management schemes will require substantial investments from chemical manufacturers and users, the harmonized system will greatly facilitate the administrative burden long associated with the environmental and safety aspects of global chemicals trading. Similarly, while more stringent requirements can be anticipated in the effort to stem the tide of workplace related injuries and fatalities, the massive uptake of the international H&S management system standard, OHSAS 18000, will also help improve company performance in this area, hopefully making compliance with new requirements more sure and cost-effective.



## Global EHS Priorities for 2004

A review of over 2000 individual policy and regulatory developments in over 40 countries on five continents has yielded the following list of ten key priority areas that will challenge companies to adapt over the coming 12-18 months:



Further details and background information on the ENHESA "2004 Global Forecast of Environmental Health and Safety Policy and Regulatory Developments Impacting Industry" can be found at [www.ehstrends.com](http://www.ehstrends.com)

1. **New global chemicals management system and fundamental change in the regime for admitting new and existing chemicals onto the market (cost for implementing may top USD 30 billion over the coming decade, but will streamline many aspects of international chemicals trade)**
2. **Spread of GHG emissions trading schemes and other regulatory frameworks to promote energy efficiency to combat global climate change (energy costs will continue to rise, but more energy-efficient technologies and infrastructure will become available)**
3. **Tougher workplace safety standards to eliminate injuries and fatalities, along with more demanding accident and illness reporting standards**
4. **Spreading of extended producer responsibility (e.g., take-back) measures aimed at holding manufacturers responsible for the life-cycle environmental impacts of the products they place on the market, as well as other measures aimed at preventing or reducing the volumes and toxicity of wastes generated**
5. **Extension of industrial emergency planning and response requirements, particularly to smaller facilities and to lower threshold quantities of hazardous materials**
6. **Stepped up initiatives aimed at improving urban air quality, particularly in Asian countries, but also in Europe and North America**
7. **Greater measures to promote the sustainable use of water resources, particularly in areas hard hit by ongoing drought and water scarcity problems (industry is the fastest growing user of the world's freshwater resources)**
8. **Tighter requirements aimed at reducing workplace noise exposures and protection of hearing (excessive noise is viewed as the most common occupational hazard)**
9. **More countries implementing mandatory environmental performance reporting, including in countries where this has heretofore been voluntary (France seems poised to influence EU-wide rules in this area)**
10. **Broadening existing management systems to ensure achievement of environmental protection goals and, more recently, occupational safety and health protection objectives through the OHSAS 18000 standard.**



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