

PROSAFE Newsletter

PROSAFE Autumn 2013 Meetings held in Prague, the Czech Republic

The Czech Trade Inspection Authority (CTIA) has hosted the Second European Market Surveillance Workshop and the PROSAFE General Assembly Meeting from 11 to 13 November 2013, in Prague. The workshop was organised in the framework of the Joint Actions 2012, an umbrella project tackling high chairs, nanotechnology in cosmetics, ladders, cords and drawstrings and CO detectors. The action is coordinated by PROSAFE and co-financed by the European Commission.

The events gathered market surveillance officials from 26 countries and representatives of the European Commission and of the European Free Trade Association. The venue was the Ministry of Trade and Industry (32 Na Františku Str., 110 15 Prague 1).

The agenda included presentations and discussions on issues related to product and consumer safety, the ongoing Joint Actions, method development activities such as risk assessment, e-learning and the European Home Authority Principle, the new legal framework for market surveillance in Europe. The programme also aimed to enable the exchange of experience and knowledge between the experts, and the collection of new product proposals for the 2014 action.

The General Assembly (GA) of PROSAFE meets twice a year and reunites high officials of the member market surveillance authorities. The main topics of the meeting in Prague were the future of PROSAFE in the new legal framework, the election of new Board Members, presentations of dangerous products found on the national markets, new legislative developments in the field of product and consumer safety.

The events proved to be a success providing the participants with useful information and inspiration to continue the work in market surveillance.

PROSAFE wishes to thank the CTIA for hosting the PROSAFE meetings and for all the efforts put into an excellent organisation of the events.

PROSAFE (Product Safety authorities of Europe) is an ideal organisation consisting out of more than 30 European countries represented by several market surveillance authorities with competence in different fields of product and consumer safety.

Since 2005, PROSAFE has established itself as the coordinating body for market surveillance. Examples of Joint actions coordinated by PROSAFE are: EMARS I and II, Toys, Helmets, Lighters I and II, Baby walkers, JA2010 (food imitation products, laser pointers, ladders, children's fancy dress, visibility clothing), JA2011 (battery chargers, lawn mowers, childcare articles, fireworks). CTIA has participated in almost all Joint Actions mentioned above.

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