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Instructions for the Swedish Chemicals Agency; Ordinance (2009:947).

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The Swedish Government prescribes the following.

Tasks

Section 1. The Swedish Chemicals Agency is, to the extent that no other agency has this task, administrative authority for matters relating to the health and environmental risks of:

1. chemical products,
2. biotechnical organisms,
3. articles that due to their contents or treatment have such properties that they need to be regulated as chemical products or biotechnical organisms.

Section 2. The Swedish Chemicals Agency is responsible for co-ordinating, developing, following up, assessing, reporting and informing with respect to the environmental quality objective A Non-Toxic Environment as well as for making proposals for cost-effective measures and in other ways working for the attainment of the environmental quality objective and its interim targets. Within the framework of work on the environmental objective, the Agency shall report to the Environmental Objectives Council within the Environmental Protection Agency and consult the Council on what reporting is needed.

Section 3. The Swedish Chemicals Agency shall, within its sphere of activities, take part in

1. co-operation within the European Union;
2. environmental work carried out within the framework of Swedish development co-operation;
3. Swedish policy for global development, and
4. other international co-operation.

The Agency shall also act as the government expert in work undertaken by the Government within these areas.

Section 4. The Swedish Chemicals Agency shall in particular

1. with regard to such products, organisms and articles as are referred to in Section 1 and their health and environmental risks:
 - a) follow developments, keep the Government informed and if necessary propose measures, and
 - b) issue regulations according to provisions issued pursuant to the Environmental Code.
2. consider matters relating to authorisations of pesticides;
3. keep and develop registers of chemical products and biotechnical organisms;
4. inform, support and co-operate with companies, authorities and other concerned parties on chemical products, biotechnical organisms, chemical safety and applicable rules and in issues concerning the activities of the Swedish Chemicals Agency;

5. contribute with knowledge to promote co-operation on research and development of particular importance to attain the environmental quality objective A Non-Toxic Environment, and
6. be responsible for the central guidance on enforcement within its sphere of activities.

Section 5. The Swedish Chemicals Agency shall ensure that rules, regulations and routines at the disposal of the Agency are cost-effective and simple for members of the public and companies.

Management

Section 6. The Swedish Chemicals Agency shall be directed by a head of authority.

Advisory Board

Section 7. The Swedish Chemicals Agency shall have an Advisory Board with not more than ten members.

Council for REACH Issues

Section 8. The Council for REACH Issues, established within the Swedish Chemicals Agency, is an advisory body charged with the task of being a board for information and co-operation between trade and industry, authorities and other concerned stakeholders with regard to information issues and other issues relating to the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EC) No 1907/2006 of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH), establishing a European Chemicals Agency, amending Directive 1999/45/EC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/93 and Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/155/EEC, 93/67/EEC, 93/105/EC and 2000/21/EC.

Section 9. The Council for REACH Issues is composed of the head of authority, who is the Chair of the Council, and representatives of authorities, trade and industry and other concerned stakeholders. The Council shall designate a Deputy Chair from among its members.

Toxicological Council

Section 10. The Toxicological Council, established within the Swedish Chemicals Agency, is an advisory body with the task of being an expert body for advice and co-operation on toxicological issues and within this framework to

1. give authorities guidance in their work concerned with criteria and principles on issues of scientific interpretation;
2. promote a high scientific standard in risk analyses of chemical substances carried out by authorities, and
3. contribute to such co-ordination that authorities are able to make the basic parts of a risk assessment in as uniform a way as possible.

Section 11. The Toxicological Council consists of the head of authority, who is the Chair of the Council, and representatives of authorities as well as individual researchers. The Council shall appoint a Deputy Chair from among its members.

Appointment as Head of the Authority

Section 12. The Director-General shall be the head of the authority.

Staff Issues

Section 13. A Disciplinary Board shall be established at the Swedish Chemicals Agency.

Section 14. The Swedish Chemicals Agency shall apply the Staff Representative Ordinance (1987:1101).

This Ordinance comes into force on 1 January 2010, when the Instructions for the Swedish Chemicals Agency; Ordinance (2007:1064) shall cease to apply.