



The Consumer Safety and Health Network Regional Workshop on Risk Assessment and the Inter-American Rapid Alerts System was held with great success



Apertura del Taller de la RCSS

With the presence of more than twenty countries represented by their Consumer, Metrology and Health authorities, competent in monitoring the safety of consumer products, the Regional Workshop on the Substantive and Procedural Aspects of the Inter-American Rapid Alerts System with emphasis on Risk Assessment, organized by the Consumer Safety and Health Network (CSHN) in the Head Quarters of the OAS in Washington, D.C. from July 21st to July 25th, 2014, ended with great success.

The first part of the workshop built on the knowledge and experiences generated in recent years and, thereafter, sought to identify similarities and differences between national market surveillance systems for

product safety. Later, on July 24th and 25th, the authorities and specialists of the CSHN participating agencies had a dialog on the basic components of the hemispheric safety alerts that will be communicated in the first stage of the implementation of the Inter-American Rapid Alerts System (SIAR), attending also, on the 24th to a presentation of the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) on the Rapid Alert System Caribbean (CARREX) –its implementation being still tested-, which aimed to integrate these efforts into the development of the SIAR, in the context of the OAS.

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Consumer Safety and Health Network will celebrate its first plenary meeting in Brasilia

The first meeting of the CSHN Plenary will be held in Brasilia, Brazil, on September 4th and 5th, 2014. The meeting, of annual character according to the resolution AG/RES. 2830 (XLIV-O/14), will define the authorities for the Management Committee, the CSHN future work strategy, and the implementation of the first stage of the Inter-American Rapid Alerts System (SIAR). Prior to this meeting, the Government of Brazil, through the Brazilian Health and Safety Working Group, integrated by the National Consumer Secretariat of the Ministry of Justice (SENACON), the National Sanitary Surveillance Agency (ANVISA), the National Institute of Metrology, Normalization and Industrial Quality (INMETRO), and the Health Ministry, will hold on September 3rd an international seminar organized by CSHN-Brazil in which the launch of the SIAR will be formally announced and which it is expected to count with the participation the Brazilian ministers of Justice, Health and Development, Industry and External Commerce and the General Secretariat of the OAS.

The convocation is addressed to all national government agencies competent in consumer product safety surveillance (Consumer Protection Agencies, Sanitary Surveillance Agencies, Health Ministries, Institutes of Metrology, Normalization and Quality among other) of the OAS member states.

[Convocation](#)

[RCSS Preliminary Agenda of the CSHN Plenary](#)

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[Resolution AG/RES.2830 \(XLIV-O/14\)](#)

The Ibero-American Forum of Governmental Consumer Protection Agencies and the CHSN continue to strengthen ties of cooperation



The Consumer Safety and Health Network (CSHN) will be introduced by the General Secretariat of the OAS during the eighth meeting of the Ibero-American Forum of Governmental Consumer Protection Agencies (FIAGC), to be held on August 28th and 29th in Bogota, organized by the Superintendency of Industry and Commerce of Colombia (SIC) who will assume the Chair of the Forum at that time.

The presentation will follow the Declaration of Guadalajara, made during the VII Forum meeting in that city in 2013, in which the twenty-two member countries of the FIAGC agreed to “...support the work of the Consumer Safety and Health Network (CSHN) for its consolidation as a specialized regional forum and to promote the advancement of the issue at a national level through them, as well as to accelerate, in this context, the process of design and implementation of an Inter-American Rapid Alert System (SIAR)”, creating a specific working group for this purpose. In particular, advances of the CSHN in compliance with resolution AG/RES. 2830 (XLIV-O/14) will be shared, regarding the new structure for the work of the CSHN and the first stage of implementation of the SIAR.

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Countries of the Americas will present advances in CSHN at the OECD

Ninth Session on Consumer Products Safety

Between October 23rd and 24th, 2014, at the city of Paris, France, the 9th Session of the Working Party on Consumer Products Safety of the OECD will be held. During the meeting, authorities of numerous member countries of the OAS participating in the CSHN, will display the progress achieved at a national and hemispheric level on consumer product safety, with an emphasis on the implementation of the first stage of the Inter-American Rapid Alerts System (SIAR).

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