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SECOND PHASE OF THE SIAR TO BE UNVEILED IN LIMA, PERU



The Consumer Safety and Health Network (CSHN) will publicly present the second phase of implementation of the Inter-American Rapid Alerts System (SIAR for its acronym in Spanish) on March 5, in Lima, Peru, at the invitation of the Government of Peru through the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and the Protection of Intellectual Property (INDECOPI for its acronym in Spanish).

The announcement will be made by authorities of the Management Committee of the CSHN, which comprises Brazil (Chair), Peru and Colombia (vice), as well as Chile and Mexico (members), alongside representatives of the technical secretariat of the CSHN within the Organization of American States.

At the second phase the SIAR will be available in the four official languages of the Organization (English, French, Portuguese and Spanish). Starting now the system will also feature access to "trends" with detailed analysis of the evolution of risky products reported in the portal; a tool for "custom reports" that will allow users to analyze the data available in the system in complex ways; a "portfolio of good practices" for the communication and publication of successful experiences at country level; as well as a new tool for the management and subscription of periodic newsletters.

With the completion of the second phase of progressive implementation of the SIAR, the OAS Member States will have a database of alerts on unsafe products with advanced tool for analysis and customized report, available in the four official languages of the Organization (English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.)

More information: www.oas.org/rcss

SAVE THE DATE: SOME RELEVANT ACTIVITIES OF THE CSHN IN 2015



The Management Committee of the RCSS has confirmed the dates of some important activities to be carried out during 2015:

- March 6 - Lima, Peru: Presentation of the second phase of implementation of the SIAR.
- April 23 - Washington, DC, USA: Presentation of the report by the General Secretariat of the OAS on resolution AG/RES. 2830 (XLIV-O/14) to the General Committee of the Permanent Council.
- June 10 to 12 - Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic: CSHN Specialized Workshop on Consumer Product-Related Accidents.
- Week of September 1 to 4 (exact days to be confirmed) - Cartagena, Colombia: Second Annual Regular Meeting of the Plenary of the CSHN

The calendar of activities of the CSHN as well as a "global calendar" (which includes some relevant activities organized by other forums or organizations) is available on the [CSHN website](#).

CONSUMER SAFETY AND HEALTH NETWORK AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ICPHSO



The International Consumer Product Safety and Health Organization (ICPHSO) held its annual conference during February 23-26 in Orlando, United States. The aforementioned Organization brings together hundreds of representatives of governments, business and civil society, as well as security specialists consumer products worldwide, at its annual meetings.

During the Conference, the Consumer Safety and Health Network (CSHN) was invited to participate through some member countries Canada, Mexico, USA, and the Technical Secretariat (OAS), at a panel on Wednesday 25, entitled "Increased Transparency in the Americas: Ongoing Communications & Product Safety Initiatives Among Agencies."

More information about the conference: [ICPHSO's website](#).

OAS MEMBER STATES MOVE FORWARD ON CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY

New measures taken by the members of the CSHN at country-level have been reported in recent weeks.

In Uruguay, the Road Safety Agency (UNASEV for its acronym in Spanish) and the Department of Consumer Protection of the Ministry of Finance began to make the first quality controls on helmets sold to motorcyclists around the country. The news is available at this [link to the CSHN Website](#).

In the US, meanwhile, the Safety Commission Consumer Products announced a historic civil penalty of \$ 3.5 million for defaults on the obligation to report dangerous products to the consumers. The news is available at this link [to the CSHN Website](#). Also, the CPSC has approved a [new federal mandatory standard](#) intended to improve the safety of frame child carriers.



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