



Health & Consumer Protection Directorate General

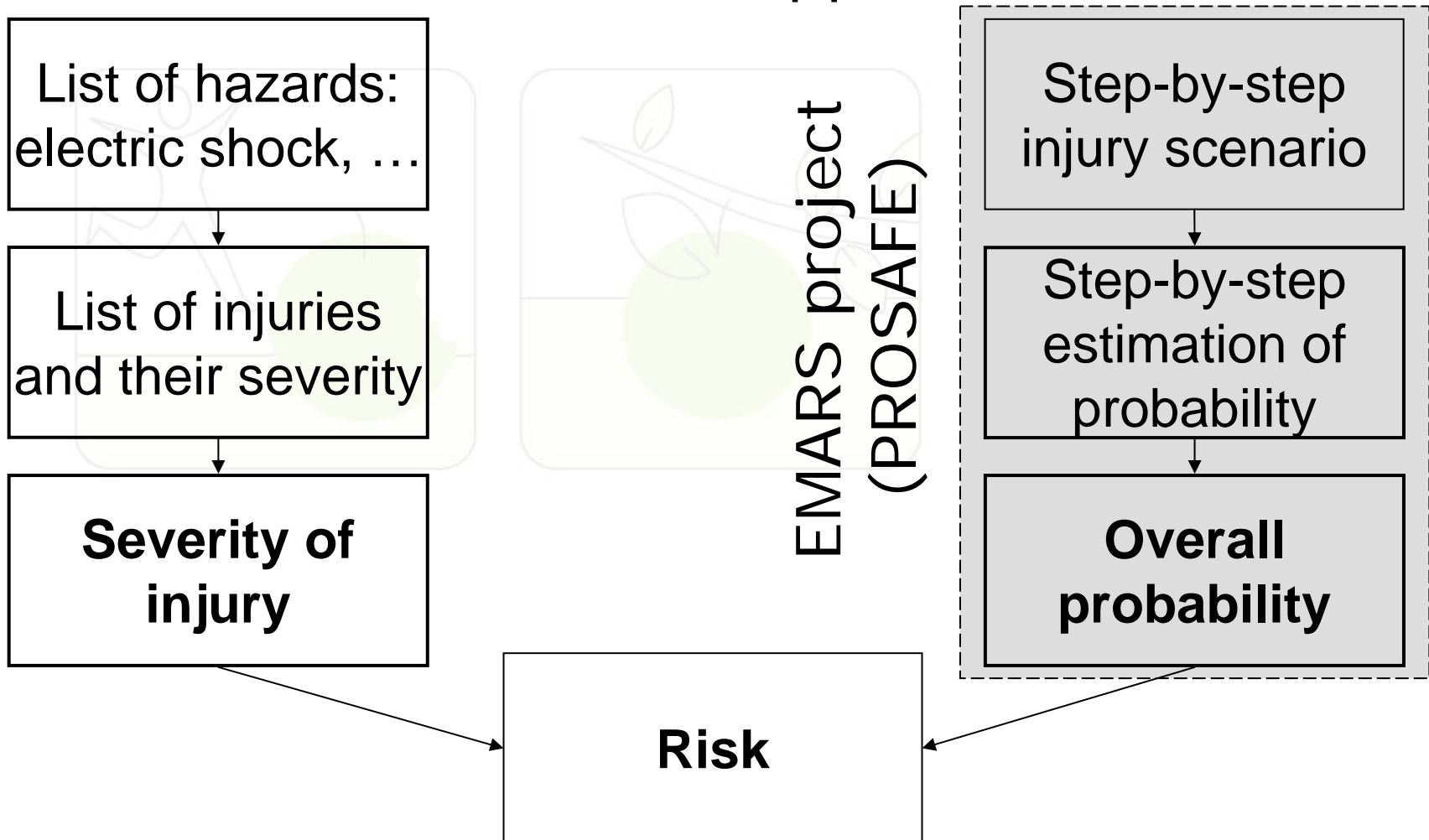
Working Group for the Improvement of Risk Assessment under the GPSD 2001/95/EC

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State of discussion after 7 WG meetings

■ Better standardised approach



State of discussion after 7 WG meetings (cont'd)

■ Results so far:

■ Approach developed is robust

- Develop several injury scenarios – easier to determine the highest risk (= risk of the product)
- Divide an injury scenario into several steps (“shortest path to injury”) – easier to find points of disagreement, but also eventual consensus
- Make sensitivity analysis if risk is at the edge of « serious » to « moderate », etc. – easier to determine the right risk level
- Check whether the risk level identified is plausible

State of discussion after 7 WG meetings (cont'd)

- « Numerical » risk assessment not necessary
 - developed approach is good enough
- Error code approach cannot replace a risk assessment – but may lead to action
- Cumulation of risks not relevant for final product risk – but for the action
- First draft of the revised risk assessment guidelines considered – improvements necessary

State of discussion after 7 WG meetings (cont'd)

■ Next steps:

- Next (final?) WG meeting on 18 September 2007
- To be improved: Injury table, draft future risk assessment guidelines
- Public consultation in autumn 2007
- Workshop on the draft revised risk assessment guidelines in early December 2007
- Adoption, together with the overall RAPEX Guidelines, in the first half of 2008?

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Thank you for your attention!

