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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: Development of a European database on occupational exposure to hazardous substances

The European Commission is financing a study to create a database and develop a model to estimate the occupational exposure for a list of hazardous chemicals in the Member States of the European Union and in the EFTA/EEA countries. The first step of this study is to collect relevant information from European countries on existing exposure data. In a further step, this information may be also used for the estimation of occupational exposures in other countries or sectors, for which no actual data is currently available.

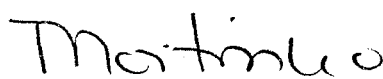
The overall objective of this study is to improve the knowledge on occupational exposure to a list of specific chemicals in terms of prevalence, duration and levels of exposure together with information on the risk management measures being used.

A consortium of Kooperationsstelle Hamburg IFE (Germany), the Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAUA, Germany) and the National Research and Development Institute on Occupational Safety (INCDPM) - "Alexandru Darabont" (Romania) has been appointed to carry out the study.

I would be grateful for any assistance you are able to provide to the consortium led by Kooperationsstelle Hamburg IFE (Germany) as they carry out this work through sharing and discussing information that you think would be useful. All queries concerning this study should, in the first instance, be addressed to the consortium led by Kooperationsstelle Hamburg IFE (Germany).

Should additional information be required you may wish to contact the responsible officer in the Employment, Social Affairs, and Inclusion Directorate-General, Ms Karola Grodzki (telephone: +352 4301-37102, e-mail: karola.grodzki@ec.europa.eu).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.


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