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Presentation outline

- **OECD background**
- **Roundtable on consumer product safety -- 23 October 2008**
- **Current and proposed work for 2009-2010**
- **Co-operation and collaboration**

OECD background

- **OECD = 30 member countries**
 - Europe: 19 EU members, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey
 - North America: Canada, Mexico, US
 - Asia-Pacific: Australia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand
- **Accession countries**
 - Chile, Estonia, Israel, Russia, Slovenia
- **Enhanced engagement countries**
 - Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, South Africa
- **Scope of OECD work**
 - 200 committees, working groups and expert groups covering a broad range of economic, social issues
 - Committee on Consumer Policy (CCP) – Member countries, consumer organisations + India as an observer
 - CCP carries out research, provides discussion forum for policymakers
 - Reinitiated work on product safety in 2008

Roundtable on consumer product safety

23 October 2008

- **Scope of work**
 - Non-food products
- **Research for Roundtable**
 - Analytic report examines : (i) domestic consumer product safety regimes, (ii) international and regional frameworks, (iii) issues related to cross-border problems
 - Compilation of information on consumer product safety regimes – based on survey
- **Event**
 - 100 participants; government officials from OECD and non-OECD countries (Brazil, Chile, China, Egypt, Estonia, Israel, Slovenia)
 - International Consumer Product Safety Caucus, ISO COPOLCO, International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization, Prosafe, toy industry and other business interests, consumer organisations
 - Related documents available at
<http://www.oecd.org/sti/consumer-policy/productsafety>

Roundtable on consumer product safety

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- **Key issues**
 - Cross-border enforcement challenges
 - Identifying priorities across countries
 - Goals and benefits of international co-operation and co-ordination
- **Key messages**
 - Increase stakeholder co-operation: strengthen ties among governments, consumer and business organisations
 - Promote new legislation and its enforcement to combat product safety failure
 - Harmonise product safety standards internationally
 - Promote a rapid international information exchange to enhance the effectiveness of cross-border co-operation

Current and proposed work for 2009-2010

- **Analytic review** (draft by 2009:III):
 - Development of survey questionnaire
 - Examination of gaps and duplication in international co-operation, information sharing, standards and strategies for addressing issues (with ICPSC, ICPHSO and ISO COPOLCO)
 - Examination of existing bilateral and multilateral arrangements for information-sharing to see how they could be applied more broadly
- **Workshop** (in 2010:I at the ICPHSO meeting in Washington)
 - Focus on increased information-sharing
 - Co-ordination with ICPSC and ICPHSO
- **Policy guidelines** (by 2010:IV)
 - Development of set of principles and mechanisms for improved information-sharing


Co-operation and collaboration

- **Stakeholders**

- ICPSC (International Consumer Product Safety Caucus)
- ICPHSO (International Consumer Product and Health Safety Organisation)
- ISO COPOLCO (Committee on Consumer Policy of the International Organization for Standardization)
- Closer co-operation with non-OECD economies would be mostly welcomed

- **Non-OECD economies are invited to:**

- Become members of the informal working group on consumer product safety of the OECD Committee on Consumer Policy
- Fill in the questionnaire on information sharing
- Participate in the ICPSC/ICPHSO/OECD workshop on information sharing and recall effectiveness, to be held on 15 February 2010



Thank you for your attention

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