



## **Commission Decision of 12 July 1995 setting up a Committee of Senior Labour Inspectors (95/319/EC) SLIC**

SLIC constitutes an appropriate framework for monitoring, on the basis of close cooperation between its members and the Commission, the effective and equivalent enforcement of secondary Community law on health and safety at work, and for the rigorous analysis of the practical questions involved in monitoring the enforcement of legislation in this field

The SLIC contributes to working towards a level playing field, the SLIC campaigns being a suitable tool





## Tasks of the Senior Labour Inspectors Committee

- The Committee gives its opinion to the Commission, either at the Commission's request or on its own initiative, on all issues relating to the enforcement by the Member States of EU OSH law
- Since the responsibilities of the national labour inspection services may go beyond the area of health and safety at work, the Committee, at the request of the Commission or on its own initiative, shall also provide its opinion on matters covering other areas of EU social legislation which have an impact on health and safety at work
- The Committee shall propose to the Commission any initiative which it considers appropriate to encourage the effective enforcement of EU law on health and safety at work, notably by means of a closer cooperation between the national labour inspection systems



## The role of the SLIC - Objectives

- Define common principles of labour inspection in the field of health and safety at work and developing methods of assessing the national systems of inspection in relation to those principles
- Promote improved knowledge and mutual understanding of the different national systems and practices of labour inspection, the methods and legal frameworks for action
- Develop exchanges of information between national labour inspection services about their experiences in monitoring the enforcement of secondary Community law on health and safety at work
- Promote a labour inspector exchange programme between national administrations and the setting up of inspector training programmes
- Develop a reliable and efficient system of rapid information exchange between labour inspectorates about health and safety issues
- Establish active cooperation with labour inspectorates in third countries to promote better understanding and to assist in resolving any cross-border problems
- Study the possible impact of other Community policies on labour inspection activities relating to health and safety at work and working conditions.



## **Council Decision of 22 July 2003 setting up an Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at work (2003/C 218/01)**

The Advisory Committee assists the Commission in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of activities in the field of safety and health at work and to facilitate cooperation between national administrations, trade unions and employers' organisations



## Tasks of the Advisory Committee

- conduct, on the basis of the information available to it, exchanges of views and experience regarding existing or planned regulations;*
- help to devise a common approach to problems in the fields of safety and health at work and identify Community priorities as well as the measures necessary for implementing them;*
- draw the Commission's attention to areas in which there is an apparent need for new knowledge and for suitable training and research measures;*



## Tasks of the Advisory Committee (Cont.)

- *define, within the framework of Community action programmes:*
- *the criteria and aims for preventing accidents at work and health hazards within the undertaking;*
- *methods enabling undertakings and their employees to evaluate and to improve the level of protection;*
- *contribute, alongside the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, to keeping national administrations, trades unions and employers' organisations informed of Community measures in order to facilitate cooperation and to encourage any initiatives on their part to exchange experience and establish codes of practice;*
- *give an opinion on plans for Community initiatives which affect safety and health at work;*
- *give an opinion on the annual programme and the rotating four-year programme of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work.*



## **Commission Decision (95/320/EC) of 12 July 1995, setting up a Scientific Committee for Occupational Exposure Limits to Chemical Agents (SCOEL)**

The Committee shall give advice on the setting of Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs) based on scientific data and, where appropriate, shall propose values which may include:

- the eight-hour time-weighted average (TWA),
- short-term limits/excursion limits (STEL),
- biological limit values.



# **Scientific Committee for Occupational Exposure Limits to Chemical Agents**

Any recommendation shall be supported and explained by information on the basic data, a description of the critical effects, the extrapolation techniques used, and any data on possible risks to human health. The feasibility of monitoring exposure at any proposed limit value(s) shall also be noted.

The Committee shall review all relevant scientific factors relating to the setting of OELs and shall make recommendations to assist the Commission in setting out priorities.

The Committee shall carry out such other actions relating to the toxicological evaluation of chemical agents as may be requested by the Commission.