

# BE Law on products standard



Health  
Food Chain Safety  
Environment

# BE law on products standard : Context

- Aims
  - Promotion of sustainable production and consumption patterns
  - Protection of environnement, health and workers' health
- Characteristics
  - **Ministers** : health, environment, economy, workers' protection, agri (pesticides)
  - **Transversal** : transposition of transversal EU chemicals legislations (REACH, CLP, PIC, POP, mercury, ...)
  - **Large consultation on legal projets**
    - Regions and other federal departments : CIEE-IUCL
    - Advice councils : economy, workers, consumers, sustainable development
    - Stakeholders meeting : transversal or ad hoc

# BE law on products standard : Context

- Context
  - Publication on 21th of December 1998 – 26 years !
  - Methodology : life cycle analysis
  - Many revisions : technical, management of content
- Uses
  - Legal basis for controls
  - Transposition of EU legislations – annex I + decrees/decisions
  - Legal base for BE voluntary actions : nanos register, ban of PIC
  - Legal base for organization : controls, languages, proces, ...

# Products standard : federal competences

- EU/BE
  - 85% EU legislations
  - 15% BE legislations : obligation to notify the commission and MS
- BE Federal state : EU and BE legislations and controls
  - DG APF and AFSCA-FAVV : food – health impacts
  - AFMPS- FAGG : medical device and medicine – health impacts
  - MINECO : security and quality of standard products, energy products
  - DG EM – DPPC : PS law
  - AFCN – FANC : Nuclear products
  - SPF-FOD mobility : consumption of planes, boots, ...

# Products standard : BE competences

- Federal compétences :
  - Placing on the market
  - Impact on health, environment, workers 's protection
  - Use of products in order to protect health (public, consumer, worker)
- Regional competences
  - Environmental protection : water, soils, nature
  - Authorizations for production
  - Use of products in order to protect environment
  - Waste
- Consultation only for federal laws
- Overlap and interpretation : ex : impact on health, circularity, export

# Products standard law : need of revision

- Reorganization of the law and AR-KB controls : useful !
- Taking into account of news EU legislations (Green Deal) : mandatory
  - Annex I
  - Controls
  - Definitions
- New challenges :
  - Nice to have or nice to develop
  - At EU level or at BE level
  - Depends on intention of the new Cion and the new BE gvts

# Products standard law : nice to have or to develop I

## 1. Import -export

- Reduction of the impact of the imported products
- No double standards inside and outside EU
- Reduction of export of prohibited products outside EU
  - Export ban PIC and export ban dirty fuels
  - Appeal against export ban PIC by CdE-RvS
- New EU trends : reduction of export of imported products outside EU
  - 2017 obligation for the EU importers of minerals – BE = MINECO
  - 2025 deforestation free products

# Products standard law : nice to have or to develop I

2. Environmental protection of other products /other législations focused on health

- Medical device/medecine
- food



# Products standard law : nice to have or to develop II

## 3. New specific challenges

- Indoor air quality products due to the crisis
- Consumer products containing PFAS
- Electric vehicles consumption labelling
- Deforestation free products : agreement on BE export competence

## 4. Green Deal implementation

- Delegated acts, implemented acts :
  - ✓ ESPR,
  - ✓ CPR,
  - ✓ PPWR,
  - ✓ Batteries,
  - ✓ ....

# Products standard law : nice to have or to develop II

## 5. Transversal new challenges

How the BE law can take in account ?

- Energy production related products : ex : smartgrid, ...
- Circulaire economy
- Plastic : overview and gaps
- Regional policy support

# QUESTIONS ?

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