



FACT SHEET

LOCAL AWARENESS AND RESPONSIBILITY IN CHEMICAL SAFETY AND SECURITY; CHEMFRIENDLY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN CHEMICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND SECURITY

What is it?

LOCAL AWARENESS and Responsibility in Chemical Safety and Security enables local governments and actors to meet the safety and security challenges posed by the increasing use of chemicals and access to hazardous substances at the local level. Its main focus is to create local sustainable development policies and safety and security in chemical production, on the level of small and medium chemical companies (SMEs), operators, chemical waste management and the transportation of hazardous materials.

CHEM-FRIENDLY is an **Acknowledgement** that a company conducts production processes and manages all chemicals in a safe, secure and responsible, sustainable ways. The CHEM-FRIENDLY goal is to create a positive image in the eyes of a consumer for safe products brought by a responsible producer or supplier. Building a friendly image is an important sales leverage, not only for consumers but also for suppliers. **Development of business whilst making processes safer and more secure.**

Aims and Objectives

Through Local Awareness and ChemFriendly Acknowledgement the ICCSS aims to support local governments and actors in meeting the challenges posed by the increasing use of chemicals and access to hazardous substances at the local level, and enhancing resilience to cyber threats.

A special attention is given to raising awareness on local chemical and environmental threats among youth and women and their active engagement to enhance chemical and environmental safety and security.

Local Awareness and Responsibility in Chemical Safety And Security

ICCSS develops and implements local awareness and responsibility to assist local stakeholders to prepare for and respond to chemical and environmental man-made or natural emergencies and disasters thorough:

- a) Exchange of information and dissemination of knowledge about activities in the field of hazardous substances at the local level. Social engagement and open access to information is necessary to raise awareness about the dangers of hazardous substances and the importance of preparedness. The more we know about the risks, the better we can understand the proper safety requirements, and there is growing willingness to participate in activities related to the management of emergency responses to hazardous substances.
- b) Activation and integration of all local structures and communities, especially in the private sector and civil society. The local community should be actively involved in the process of risk prevention and emergency planning, and participate in an authentic dialogue on how to counter threats and prepare for crisis response and post-crisis activities. All local actors should be involved in determining the needs and resources required to counter threats and for emergency response.
- c) Strengthening local institutions, improving emergency response assets, and deepening social ties through regular training, exercises, exchange of experiences and cooperation with specialists. Strengthening local structures, relationships and contacts that connect individuals, state institutions, companies and social organizations, and expanding access to information and knowledge about the risks, are leading factors in effective preparedness for possible crises from either natural causes or human activity.

CHEM-FRIENDLY Acknowledgement in Chemical and Environmental Safety and Security (ChemFriendly)

CHEM-FRIENDLY's core objective is to create a positive image of chemistry and the companies engaged in chemical sector. Building a friendly image is an important sales leverage, not only for consumers but also for suppliers. Development of business whilst making processes safer and more secure.

CHEM-FRIENDLY builds individual, societal and business responsibility, not through the increase in standards, norms or certificates, but through knowledge sharing, best practices exchanges, cooperation and trainings

Is CHEM-FRIENDLY for me?

Every company which deals with the chemical sector is welcome to join. Although chemistry is used for peaceful purposes, it can be deadly if managed in an inappropriate way. It applies to companies in sectors such as: Production; Transport; Storage; Industry Waste management.

We also welcome all producers and suppliers of services who in their everyday business support the development of chemical safety and security. We will show your solutions increasing safety and security at a world forum.

Receipt of CHEM-FRIENDLY is a confirmation that the company is aware of the requirements and acts responsibly in the area of chemical safety and security. At the same time it supports the chemical safety and security culture and promotes its strengthening globally, along with the Declarations of CHEMSS 2016 and CHEMSS2017.

Expected Results of Local Awareness and Chemfriendly

Through regular trainings and exercises, exchange of experience and the engagement of specialists, local campaigns, Local Awareness and ChemFriendly will support:

- Creation of local frameworks for dialogue and coordination of efforts with the cooperation of all local stakeholders, including: local authorities, institutions responsible for law and order and security, private sector and industry, civil society organizations and the media;
- Facilitation of exchanges of information and dissemination of knowledge about activities involving hazardous substances at the local level;
- Activation and involvement of local structures and communities, in the processes of risk prevention and emergency planning;
- Support of local protection against hazards by strengthening institutions, improving emergency response and deepening social ties within local communities.

Long Standing Effects

- Development of partnerships and communication between administrations, local authorities, citizens and users of chemicals at the local level;
- Development of awareness on the safe use of chemicals;
- Identification of threats related, inter alia, to the storage or transport of hazardous materials; and
- Development of guidelines for local authorities in the development and implementation of emergency response plans.

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