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**Serious deficiencies in the phasing out of PCBs have been shown in some European countries. Internet trade of chemicals and use of azodyes will be subject of inspections during 2006. Switzerland welcomed as new member of the CLEEN network.**

The final report of the **EuroPCB** project was presented at the **6<sup>th</sup> Conference** of the CLEEN network, taking place **28–30 September 2005 in Bonn**, Germany. CLEEN considers that more efforts are needed to phase out the PCBs and the Member States should examine the necessity of phase-out programs.

**Switzerland** was welcomed as a new member of the network and presented its chemicals management system that came into force August 2005 due to the Swiss implementation of EU chemicals legislation.

The desktop study of the **e-commerce** project dealing with chemicals trade on the internet was finished. The operational phase starts in November 2005 and focuses on advertisement and correct labelling of chemicals marketed via internet.

The use of azodyes in different materials will be investigated in the frame of the **EurAzos** project. Main emphasis will be on textile and leather articles, toys and colouring agents. The inspections start in the beginning of 2006.

The **EUVICHEM** project develops a tool for information exchange on a voluntary base in a structured way in cases of non compliance with EU legislation on chemicals.

A new inspection project on **biocidal products** is planned to start in 2007. The results of a pilot project showed deficiencies and problems in enforcement e.g. due to unclear borderline cases. A working group will plan the project and elaborate the documents needed during 2006.

### **Background**

The goal of the **CLEEN network** is to co-ordinate and improve the enforcement of EU chemical legislation. Under the auspices of CLEEN, chemical inspectorates of the EU Member States set priorities for joint enforcement projects aiming at facilitating the information exchange and the preparation of recommendations to the EC Commission. The current EU Member States and Norway, Switzerland and Romania are participating in the Network.

The Bonn conference was attended by representatives of inspectorates and policy departments of 16 countries and the EC Commission.

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