

## Market Surveillance of Industrial and Consumer Products Multiannual Action Plan for 2017

Objective	Actions	Indicators	Time Frame	Implementation
1. Institutional Development	a) Review and amend Law of Georgia – Product Safety and Free Movement Code in order to conduct market surveillance	Draft changes in the “Law of Georgia – Product Safety and Free Movement Code” are approved and reflect recommendations envisaged by IRP and MAP.	First quarter of 2017	The draft amendments in the Georgian Law - Product Safety and Free movement Code has been prepared. Amendments include market surveillance procedures and relevant sanctions in order to upgrade market surveillance system in line with best EU practice. During the preparation of this draft, remarks of relevant authorities were considered. The draft amendments will be submitted to the Government of Georgia in order to initiate it in the Parliament of Georgia for approval. Approval of the law for 2017 year is depended on the internal procedures and hearing arrangements in Parliament of Georgia.
	b) Implementation of TCSA`s structural changes – establishment of a new structural unit and recruit new members of the staff.	Structural changes of the TCSA have been implemented. Changes in the statute of TCSA have been done. New members of the staff are recruited.	2017 II Quarter. – 2017 - IV quarter.	New structural unit was established in TCSA and two specialists were appointed. The functions of new division have been determined by amendments in the statute of TCSA. This division will conduct market surveillance on the Industrial and Consumer products covered by Multiannual Action Plan (approved by Governmental decree 30, December 2016 N641).
	c) Arrangement and equipment of an additional office space for the new structural unit.	Additional office space for the new unit of the Agency has been arranged and equipped.	2017 year.	Determination of the list of the necessary equipment and subsequent cost estimation have been done. The office equipment and computers were purchased for new structural unit.

	d) Renovation of TCSA`s technical equipment.	Computer equipment have been renovated	2017 year	Determination of the necessary equipment and subsequent cost estimation have been done. New computers have been purchased for TCSA.
	e) Purchasing of technical instruments for taking samples and conducting surface checks (screening test) during inspection activities under the supervision.	Technical instruments for conducting inspections have been Purchased.	2017 - 2022 years	Identification of technical instruments has been done and subsequent costs have been identified. TCSA has purchased the necessary instruments for conducting market surveillance activities. As this action is intended for continuous time, (2017-2022) purchasing of necessary equipment will be continued in parallel with legislative approximation.
	f) Development of TCSA`s Service/ Operational quarterly Plans and their approval.	Market surveillance action plan for ongoing year is approved by head of the TCSA	2017-2022 years	Market Surveillance action plans of I, II, III and IV quarters of 2017 have been elaborated and approved by the head of TCSA;

	e) Draft guidelines/ operating work instructions relating to market surveillance of Cableways, Lifts, Pressure Equipment, Simple Pressure Vessels and Hot Water Boilers	Guidelines/ operating instructions are drafted	2017-2018 years	<p>The European Experts have developed an implementation plan for short-term assistance project so called TOR, which aims to facilitate the market surveillance in newly approximated areas, including Pressure Equipment, Simple Pressure Vessels and Hot Water Boilers.</p> <p>Project started on 16<sup>th</sup> of October and continued until 19th of November. Appointed EU expert visited TCSA. Within the frame of this project, meetings have been held with relevant market surveillance inspectors of TCSA, where the key issues have been discussed. EU expert has been studied activities of TCSA, procedures and methods of surveillance. In addition, trainings have been held for the staff of TCSA and representative of business organizations on revisions and amendments to the directives on pressure equipment, simple pressure equipment and hot water boilers, also on efficient performing of market surveillance activities. As a result of these activities recommendations have been issued. Based on these recommendations, the Agency has developed a guideline/operating work instructions for the following spheres: Pressure Equipment, Simple Pressure Vessels and Hot Water Boilers, cableway installations and lifts.</p>
3. Delivering Market Surveillance Services	a) Develop and apply a risk assessment process for market surveillance inspections relating to the 5 approximated NADs	Technical regulation defining procedures for risk/hazard analyses has been elaborated and approved by decree of government	2017-2018 years	<p>On the basis of EU expert recommendations issued within the frame of the project, implemented in October-November of 2017, technical regulation - rule on determination of hazard and risk assessment of the products placed on the market has been elaborated. This document determines preparation of risk/hazard procedures for already approximated spheres (lifts, Pressure Equipment, Simple Pressure Vessels, cableway installations designed to carry persons and new hot-water boilers fired with liquid or gaseous fuels).</p>

	d) Carry out market surveillance for the following spheres: Pressure Equipment, Simple Pressure Vessels and Hot Water Boilers	Inspections have been carried out and Subsequent statements has been drawn up	2017 year	During 2017 TCSA has carried out market surveillance of 85 - boilers, 10 - simple pressure vessels and 20 - pressure equipment placed on the Georgian market. <sup>1</sup> As a result, some non-compliances have been identified and reasonable period has been determined and given to the economic operators to eliminate those violations. The meeting between TCSA and relevant companies has been held, where non-compliances have been discussed and relevant measures have been planned for elimination of the violations.
4. Awareness Raising/ Development of working relationships	a) Development of cooperation with consumer rights organizations and businesses to raise awareness on market surveillance	Relevant meetings have been conducted (num. of meetings) with the representatives of targeted businesses and consumer rights organizations	2017 -2022 years	Meeting has been held with the following consumer rights protection authorities of Georgia: European Fund; Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia; Association for consumer rights protection ETIKI and Federation of consumers. Meeting was organized by TCSA and mutual cooperation memorandum has been signed with Center for Strategic Research and Development of Georgia - NGO which is one of the biggest organization in Georgia in the field of consumer protection. Meetings also have been held with the representatives of more than 15 business organizations selling boilers and pressure equipment in Georgia in order to raise awareness on market surveillance. Besides, meeting has been held with the importer companies of lighters in Georgia related to the new regulations and market surveillance issues.
	b) Establishing the joint working group with participation of representatives from Agency and Georgian revenue service, which will regularly hold meeting in order to support Market Surveillance of products imported in Georgia	Number of meetings	2017- 2022 years	Joint working group of the representatives from TCSA and Revenue Service of Ministry of Finance has been established by the order of head of TCSA (Nº-76; 24 May, 2017) in order to facilitate the market surveillance of imported products in Georgia. Meeting of working group has been held on 26 <sup>th</sup> September at the office of TCSA, where practical aspects of Market surveillance at the stage of border control have been discussed with the representative of revenue service and future plans have been scheduled.

<sup>1</sup> On the basis of four quarters report of 2017

	d) Analysis of membership possibilities of International market surveillance organizations (such as PROSAFE)	Necessary analysis for membership is implemented	2017 year	Analysis of possibilities of membership of the relevant International organizations in the field of market surveillance has been implemented. International and European regional organizations have been studied including: EU-OSHA, ENSHPO, ICPHSO, AdCos, ICSMS, PROSAFE. TCSA determined two organizations with whom it is advisable to collaborate these are ICPHSO and PROSAFE.
	f) Identify appropriate laboratories able to carry out relevant technical tests	Laboratories identified	2017 – 2022 years	Identification of appropriate laboratories for relevant technical tests have been carried out. Laboratories operate in the following areas: construction products; explosives; personal protection equipment. There are no laboratories for toys, pressure equipment, boilers, simple pressure vessels or machinery. The identification of relevant laboratories will be conducted permanently in line with the development quality infrastructure system of Georgia.