



# Programme of Work

2017

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**Our Vision**  
**healthy, safe and**  
**productive lives**

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This programme of work, the second prepared under the Health and Safety Authority's Strategy 2016–2018, has been developed to contribute to our long-term vision of *healthy, safe and productive lives*.

The Authority's strategy for the period from 2016 to 2018 includes a new direction in terms of workplace health and also seeks to reflect the impact of a growing economy. Work on these areas started in 2016 and will continue into 2017 and 2018 and beyond.



In line with our strategic priorities, the programme for 2017 places particular focus on workplace health, new and returning workers, safety representatives and sectors such as accommodation and retail. The following sectors and topics will also remain to the forefront of our work: agriculture, construction, healthcare, occupational health, work-related vehicle safety, small business support, chemicals and provision of the national accreditation service.

In 2017 we will continue to encourage organisations and duty holders across all sectors in the economy to achieve high levels of compliance. We will provide advice, information and support to assist them. Where we identify breaches by duty holders that endanger workers or the public, we will take strong and proportionate enforcement action.

A large number of competent and regulatory authority functions fall within our remit, as set out in the wide range of legislation for which we have responsibility. We will continue to fulfil these functions and will work collaboratively with other government agencies and departments in doing so.

We will work to support the Minister in the development of legislation and policy positions that support Ireland economically and that strive to achieve the best performance possible in workplace safety and health, chemicals regulation and accreditation.

We are cognisant of the challenges and opportunities associated with the United Kingdom's decision to end its membership of the European Union. As an agency that both regulates and supports enterprise, we will seek to maintain the high standards of regulation required by many international companies. We will use our position on European committees and working groups to ensure that Ireland maximises its influence on new legislative and policy arrangements.

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Chief Executive Officer

The Authority's strategy for the period 2016 to 2018 sets out five strategic priorities.

- 1 Health:** Increase the focus on work-related health risks.
- 2 Safety:** Maintain and develop the advances achieved in the management of work-related safety risks.
- 3 Chemicals:** Focus on the risks to human health and safety arising from chemicals used at work and by the general public.
- 4 Accreditation:** Provide an impartial, internationally recognised accreditation service, responsive to market demands through the Irish National Accreditation Board.
- 5 How we work:** Continue to change and transform the way we work.

This programme of work for 2017 will deliver on these strategic priorities. The Board and Executive of the Authority will monitor progress in the delivery of this programme of work and the strategy on a quarterly basis. Regular updates will be reported to the Minister.



This programme of work for the second year of the Authority's Strategy 2016–2018 continues to keep the following sectors and programmes to the forefront: agriculture, small business support, construction, healthcare, occupational health, work-related vehicle safety, chemicals and provision of the national accreditation service. It also puts an emphasis on new and returning workers, safety representatives and sectors such as accommodation and retail.

We will continue to address work-related health risks across targeted sectors such as healthcare and construction. Further emphasis will be put on the promotion of positive mental health and the reduction of stress through awareness raising, use of online tools and targeted inspection campaigns. There will be an increased number of construction inspections with a continued focus on small construction companies and the self-employed, as well as inspections of major infrastructure projects.

In agriculture, we will assist in the implementation of the second year of the Farm Safety Action Plan 2016–2018, developed in conjunction with the Farm Safety Partnership Advisory Committee. The emphasis on engagement with farmers through knowledge-sharing groups will continue, combined with a series of inspection campaigns.

The REACH (Registration, Evaluation and Authorisation of Chemicals) Regulation has its tenth anniversary in 2017 and it is hoped to hold a joint event with the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (DJEI) to recognise this milestone. For most of 2017, it will be business as usual under the programmes for REACH. The European Commission will finalise its REACH review, which may have relevance for Ireland and Irish industry over the next ten years. Our competent authority function for COMAH (Control of Major Accident Hazards) Regulations will continue and the full level of charges for services will be introduced, including for inspection. As negotiations commence on Brexit in 2017, we will be ready to provide technical and scientific support to companies across the range of chemicals legislation and in particular in relation to impacts arising from REACH, CLP, ADR (carriage of dangerous goods by road) and COMAH.

Workplace fatalities remain a priority for investigation. We are refining our investigation activities, taking account of whether issues arise from a complaint or a serious accident. We will continue to hold duty holders to account and ensure remedial actions are taken at individual places of work. We will also provide urgent information to sectors through our safety alert system.

The Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) programme will maintain or extend existing accreditations for over 200 accredited clients, supporting enterprise and national and European regulation. It is anticipated that the demand for accreditation will continue to grow, particularly in the area of European regulation and arising from Brexit. 2017 will see the implementation of improvements in the accreditation process arising from projects undertaken in 2016, including the full introduction of the INAB client relationship management system.

We will foster innovation in the way in which we carry out our customer-facing programmes and corporate services functions in order to make the best possible use of the Authority's resources. We will, for the first time since 2008, hire new technical, professional and administrative staff. We will invest in the development and wellbeing of new and existing staff members to enhance their capabilities and commitment.

The programme of work set out here presents only the priority tasks for 2017. In addition to these planned actions, we will continue to deliver the competent and regulatory authority functions relevant to the 200 pieces of legislation for which we have responsibility. In delivering our strategy and mandates, we will engage and work with other government agencies and departments as set out in the memoranda of understanding and operational protocols in place. Summaries of our planned inspection, legislation and EU representation programmes are set out in the appendices.

## Accommodation and food service

### Planned actions

A risk-based inspection programme for compliance with safety and health management systems, with a particular focus on health issues and new and young staff in the sector.

### Performance indicators

200 inspections completed.

## Agriculture

### Planned actions

Conduct three agriculture inspection campaigns, each of three weeks' duration. Each campaign will have a specific focus as well as addressing overall safety and health standards on farms. Campaigns will have both a national and regional focus and will be supported by media campaigns.

Implement year two of the current Farm Safety Action Plan 2016–2018 of the Farm Safety Partnership Advisory Committee (FSPAC).

Complete targeted awareness campaigns relating to safety and health in agriculture, with a particular focus on the development of programmes to foster innovative engineering solutions to risks in agriculture.

Promote use of the updated farm safety Code of Practice.

Participate in the new Knowledge Transfer Groups structure established by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

### Performance indicators

Three campaigns completed, representing approximately 1,400 of a planned 2,000 inspections in the sector. Reports on the findings published on the Authority's website: [www.hsa.ie](http://www.hsa.ie).

Year two of the plan implemented and progress made against each of the goals. Continued engagement with and support for FSPAC member organisations in the delivery of the specific objectives within the plan.

Media campaigns, publication of articles within the agri-sector media and the update of guidance for the sector completed. Positive engagement with the farming community achieved through attendance at events in the sector, such as the National Ploughing Championships. Farm walks and safety talks supported where resources allow. A national farm safety conference held.

Half-day training courses on the Code completed. Code available both in print format and online and distributed during inspection campaigns, at training events and to training bodies.

Assisted in the delivery of the safety and health module for approximately 50 Knowledge Transfer Groups. A higher demand for participation will require resources to be drawn from the inspection programme.

## Business support

Planned actions	Performance indicators
<p>Maintain and further develop the BeSMART.ie website portal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Add content to existing sectors including new business types and risk assessments.</li> <li>- Update risk assessments to reflect changes to legislation and guidance.</li> <li>- Keep the current content relevant for existing BeSMART.ie business types.</li> <li>- Improve user access and usability, including intuitive navigation.</li> <li>- Resolve system issues without delay.</li> </ul>	<p>20 additional business types added.</p> <p>Relevant legislative changes reflected in BeSMART.ie content.</p> <p>User feedback obtained on relevance, accuracy and consistency.</p> <p>User survey on ease of access and usability completed.</p> <p>BeSMART.ie available to users without interruption.</p>
<p>Use BeSMART.ie to support contractors acting as Project Supervisors for the Construction Stage (PSCS).</p>	<p>Short PSCS role video and safety and health plan included in BeSMART.ie.</p>
<p>Network with other industry and business support groups to promote the increased use of BeSMART.ie.</p>	<p>Participated in 40+ events nationwide, including meetings, seminars, presentations and demonstrations.</p>
<p>Network with the EU Occupational Safety and Health Agency and other international partners in the pursuit of best practice.</p>	<p>Positive links and co-operation developed with other countries and international bodies with similar tools.</p>



## Construction

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Increase the level of construction inspection based on the risk profile of the sector. This will include inspections of small construction companies and self-employed workers in the sector, with a focus on one-off builds and smaller sites.	4,000 inspections completed.
Assess the management of risks to both safety and health through the inspection process.	Advice and enforcement applied as appropriate to ensure that risks were assessed and controls were identified and implemented.
Inspect major infrastructure projects.	Selected major infrastructure projects inspected.
Conduct two separate one-week inspection campaigns. The focus for these inspections will be linked to the Action Plan of the Construction Safety Partnership Advisory Committee (CSPAC) for 2017.	Inspection campaigns completed, representing 15% of the national annual programme in this sector.
Continue to engage and work with national stakeholders in the construction sector through the CSPAC.	Three-year plan for the CSPAC developed. Year one actions implemented.
Continue to engage with the Health and Safety Executive of Northern Ireland to share experiences and develop cross-border initiatives to increase awareness and compliance.	Cross-border construction safety meetings held, with information and experience successfully shared. Joint annual conference on construction safety held.
Continue work with the Temporary Traffic Management at Roadworks Committee of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to produce operational guidance.	Technical and policy assistance provided to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.
Support DJEI and the Department of Education and Skills, together with SOLAS (Further Education and Training Authority) and QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland), in maintaining and developing the national qualifications and training structures for the construction sector.	Technical and policy assistance provided to DJEI as required.
Develop guidance on two topics: occupational health in construction and the control of reversing vehicles on construction projects.	Guidance developed in consultation with relevant stakeholders and available on <a href="http://www.hsa.ie">www.hsa.ie</a> .

## Construction (Cont'd)

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Develop initiatives to raise awareness of safety and health among the self-employed and small contractors.	Awareness initiatives developed and completed.
Develop initiatives to promote worker involvement and consultation in the sector and to support the work of the safety representative.	Initiatives undertaken with sector stakeholders, particularly ICTU (Irish Congress of Trade Unions) and CIF (Construction Industry Federation), to promote worker involvement and site safety representation.
Develop a construction-related, problem-based learning brief for use on third-level courses.	Learning brief developed and circulated to third-level colleges.



## Engineering

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Review reports submitted on the examinations for pressure and lifting equipment. Take action where serious issues are identified.	Where concerns were identified, reports were assigned for engagement with the duty holder.
Assess visibility devices on earthmoving machinery during relevant inspections.	Inspection reports included assessment of visibility devices.
Conduct campaign to examine how property management companies are addressing maintenance and certification of lifts under their control.	Campaign of maximum 30 inspections completed.
Participate in the development of standards related to electrical safety.	Authority inputs included in the new National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI) framework for electrical safety guidance.
Follow up on issues of concern and potential non-compliance of plant and machinery identified during accident or complaint investigations.	Actions initiated based on investigation referrals.
Monitor RAPEX (EU rapid alert system facilitating exchange of information between member states relating to products posing a serious risk to safety and health) and highlight alerts to relevant sectors.	Number of RAPEX alerts reviewed. Number of alerts posted as safety alerts on <a href="http://www.hsa.ie">www.hsa.ie</a> , advised to inspectorate and to relevant sectors.
Engage with interest groups, including SAFED (Safety Assessment Federation) and ILEA (Irish Lifts and Escalators Association), on requirements for statutory examinations.	Continued engagement and increased awareness of requirements for statutory examination.
Provide expert support through participation in NSAI committee on cranes.	Contribution made to developing standards.

## Ergonomics and manual handling

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Plan seminars on the theme of practical ergonomic tools and strategies to address musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs).	Two or three seminars organised and held with relevant professional bodies, with good attendance and positive feedback from attendees.
Continue MSD Risk Management Project in a select number of inspections.	Agreed number of proactive inspections and referrals carried out using the Mac tool.
Develop a technical guidance information sheet on managing manual handling risks in the agriculture sector.	Information sheet developed and available on <a href="http://www.hsa.ie">www.hsa.ie</a> .
Work with stakeholders to ensure the implementation of the recommendations in the report on fertiliser supply.	Agreement reached with stakeholders to address the recommendation in the medium term.

## Fishing and aquaculture

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Conduct inspections in the fishing sector focusing on the management of safety and health risks and the preparation of a safety statement.	50 inspections of fishing vessels completed.
Continue to support initiatives in the sector, including the memorandum of understanding agreed by relevant state enforcement bodies to support an effective inspection system for the sector and the work of the Santa Marta Group.	Continued participation in these groups.

## Forestry

Planned actions	Performance indicator
Inspect for compliance based on the Code of Practice for managing safety and health in forestry operations.	50 inspections of forestry activity completed, with action taken to ensure control of risks where required.

## Healthcare

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Engage with the Health Service Executive (HSE) at national level and with directors and managers of healthcare services to promote the management of occupational safety and health.	Meetings held with directors and senior managers in healthcare to promote safety and health management as part of good governance.
Hold briefing sessions on occupational safety and health in healthcare for managers, supervisors and employees.	Briefing sessions organised and held with support from other relevant healthcare professionals.
Promote, monitor and review e-learning and other resources available to employees and new entrants to the healthcare sector.	Third-level institutions, education providers and key stakeholders in healthcare are aware of resources. Use of resources monitored and reviewed.
Continue to monitor national and international data and reports on safety and health in healthcare to inform future interactions with the sector.	Review undertaken of national and international data. Liaised with national and international agencies on safety and health in healthcare.
Provide information and advice on sector-specific topics in healthcare to provide practical guidance on complying with safety and health legislation.	Queries responded to, participated in information and briefing sessions, website kept up to date.
Conduct a risk-based inspection programme focusing on the management of occupational safety and health.	170 inspections completed in the healthcare sector, with action taken to ensure the control of risks where required.
Conduct an additional inspection campaign with particular emphasis on the control of violence and aggression, chemical safety and stress at the place of work.	Campaign completed.

## Manufacturing

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Conduct a risk-based inspection programme to assess compliance with safety and health management systems.	600 inspections completed, with action taken to ensure the control of risks where required.
Carry out an inspection campaign focused on asphalt-manufacturing plants.	Inspections of the major asphalt plants completed and findings published on <a href="http://www.hsa.ie">www.hsa.ie</a> .
Carry out an inspection campaign focused on block-making facilities at concrete plants.	Inspections of block-making facilities completed and findings published on <a href="http://www.hsa.ie">www.hsa.ie</a> .

## Mines and quarries

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Conduct a risk-based inspection programme in quarries to assess compliance with safety and health management systems.	200 inspections completed, with action taken where necessary to ensure the management and control of risks where required.
Conduct specific campaigns on high-risk activities in the sector.	Campaign on tarmacadam manufacture completed to ensure the management and control of risk at these plants. Initial review of the level of risk in the automated concrete manufacture sector completed. Risks in the peat harvesting sector assessed.
Review and implement guidance for the quarries sector.	Guidance reviewed, updated, disseminated and brought to the attention of those working within the sector. <i>So You Work in a Quarry</i> guidance document published and promoted. Information sheet on face stability in quarries published and promoted.
Support the work of the Quarry Safety Partnership (QSP).	Regular meetings of the QSP organised and stakeholders engaged in the promotion of best practice in the sector.
Promote best practice in both mining and quarrying.	Regional workshops on safety and health in quarries held in association with the Irish Concrete Federation, with use of sectoral guidance and best practice promoted. International groups such as the EU Standing Working Party for the Extractive Industries, the EU Heads of State Mining Authorities, the UK Quarries National Joint Advisory Committee attended and cross-border engagement was maintained.
Conduct a risk-based inspection programme in the mining sector to assess compliance with safety and health management systems.	All active mines inspected, with inspections focusing on the presence and implementation of safety and health management systems.
Promote emergency response preparedness at all active mines. Maintain active involvement in the Irish Mines Rescue Committee (IMRC) to ensure the co-ordination of rescue capability in Ireland.	The continued preparedness of mine rescue capability within all active mining operations was maintained.
Finalise consolidated Mines Regulations.	Technical assistance provided to DJEI to finalise consolidated Mines Regulations. Campaign for the dissemination and implementation of the regulations developed.

## New and returning workers

Planned actions	Performance indicator
In the sectors where a significant increase in employment is noted, conduct inspection programmes to address the issue of training, induction and supervision of new and returning workers.	Issues of training, induction and supervision addressed in selected sectors.

## Occupational health

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Organise an occupational health event involving a series of awareness events and an inspection campaign.	Event organised, inspections completed, outcomes reported.
Gather data on occupational illnesses from the Department of Social Protection to inform policy initiatives.	Data received and interrogated.
Continue participation in the <i>Healthy Ireland</i> workplace sub-group.	Agreed actions carried out.
Raise awareness and enforcement of EMF (Electromagnetic Fields) Regulations.	Agreed number of inspections carried out.
Target specific occupational health inspections in selected sectors.	Inspection campaigns in healthcare, construction and other sectors completed.



## Public sector

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Engage with key agencies and employers that can influence and support safety and health at work	Liaised with safety and health personnel in the public sector, State Claims Agency, Local Government Management Agency and employers in the sector.
Provide advice and support to external stakeholders with regard to compliance and best practice.	Queries responded to, information and briefing sessions offered, website kept up to date.
Continue to monitor national and international data and reports on safety and health in the public sector to inform future interactions with the sector.	Review completed. Liaison undertaken with national and international agencies on safety and health in the public sector.
Review the initiatives in the public sector area over the past two years to determine any further interventions.	Areas of high risk identified for further follow up.

## Safety representatives

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Organise a national conference for safety representatives.	Conference held.
Produce material to encourage the participation of employees in the safety representative role and distribute it in identified sectors during inspections.	Material produced and distributed.
Develop a safety representative module for BeSMART.	Module in BeSMART completed and promoted.
Examine the potential benefits of a register of safety representatives.	Report produced on the options for a register and the requirements for its implementation.

## Slips, trips and falls

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Assess a sample of the reported slip, trip and fall accidents that occurred on stairs or floors.	20 reported accidents assessed and follow-up inspections or awareness activities completed.
Develop an information sheet on preventing slips, trips and falls and incorporate it into risk assessment on BeSMART.ie.	Information sheet published and incorporated into BeSMART.ie.
Build contact and co-operation with relevant architectural representative groups.	Participated in relevant events and workshops.

## Transport and storage

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Promote full range of risk management resources for transport and logistics operations.	Resources promoted through key stakeholders, digital and other media, BeSMART.ie, trade journals and publications.
Update and improve sector webpages to highlight key risk, sector injury trends, risk management and online learning courses.	Webpages updated to include injury statistics in the transport sector and key risk management guidance and resources.
Promote online transport risk management courses and influence inclusion in key further and higher education transport programmes.	Courses promoted through a range of channels and stakeholders; an increased number of learners completed the courses. Contributed to the review of the Road Safety Authority driver training modules, as required.
Conduct a risk-based inspection programme for compliance with safety and health management systems.	200 inspections carried out, with action taken to ensure the control of risks where required.
Conduct a campaign to examine the storage and filling of liquid petroleum gas (LPG).	Campaign completed.



## Waste collection and disposal

Planned actions	Performance indicator
Complete an inspection campaign in the sector, with a particular focus on vehicle safety and the storage of metal waste.	30 inspections completed.

## Wholesale and retail

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Conduct a risk-based inspection programme in the wholesale sector, addressing compliance with safety and health management systems.	200 inspections completed.
Conduct a further campaign of inspections in the wholesale sector, focusing on storage, racking and forklift use.	40 inspections completed. Report on findings published on <a href="http://www.hsa.ie">www.hsa.ie</a> .
Conduct a risk-based inspection programme in the retail sector, addressing compliance with safety and health management systems.	150 inspections completed.
Conduct a further campaign of inspections in the retail sector, focusing on the supply of second-hand farm machinery.	Up to 30 inspections completed, including assessment of understanding of and compliance with supplier duties.

## Work-related stress and bullying

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Hold three seminars on change management and work-related stress.	Seminars organised and held with professional bodies and third-level institutes, with good attendance and feedback from attendees.
Refine hosting of online <i>Work Positive</i> tool. Working with the State Claims Agency and other stakeholders, increase its uptake across public and private sectors.	Increased number of organisations and sectors using the <i>Work Positive</i> tool.

## Work-related vehicle safety

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Implement year two of the Work Related Vehicle Safety Plan 2016–2018.	Plan communicated to external and internal stakeholders and actions implemented.
Manage and co-ordinate joint initiatives with the Road Safety Authority (RSA) and An Garda Síochána in relation to programmes on driving for work, load securing and work-related road risk management. Focus on promotion of <i>Driving for Work</i> risk-management resources.	Plan for 2017 agreed and lead agencies assigned actions. Actions completed to agreed schedule.
Progress national programme for load securing risk management including promotion of relevant guidance and online courses, development of evidence-led enforcement approach with An Garda Síochána and the RSA and development of further load securing guidance on high risk loads associated with specific work sectors.	Programme prepared and actioned to agreed schedule, including joint agency actions and deliverables around awareness, guidance, education and enforcement.
Promote guidance on safe vehicle maintenance, vehicle tail lift safety and vehicle-mounted cranes.	Guidance and multi-media resources promoted through digital media, publications, stakeholders events and seminars.
Promote <i>Driving for Work</i> online course and promote its inclusion in further and higher education and training programmes.	Course promoted through a range of channels and stakeholders. Increased number of learners completing the course.
Develop arrangements with the RSA and An Garda Síochána to identify work-related road collisions and agree data collection and sharing requirements to meet Irish obligations under EU Regulation 834/2011 to report on work-related road collisions.	Baseline data on work-related road collisions available, meeting EU obligations.
Promote findings of UCD research project on deaths from work-related road collisions in Ireland.	Data extracts published and data made available to shape future approaches on work-related vehicle safety programme.
Complete an inspection campaign targeting key vehicle risk management priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Driving for work</li> <li>- Workplace transport</li> <li>- Working on or near the road</li> <li>- Loading, unloading, load securing.</li> </ul>	Campaign targeting 100 inspections completed in the following sectors: transport and storage, public sector, manufacturing, retail and wholesale trade and waste management. Inspection data collected, analysed and followed up as appropriate.

**Chemicals policy**

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Provide lead role nationally on chemicals and their health impacts, through ministerial briefings, policy advice, participation in national committees, support to DJEI and specific technical advice as requested.	Number of briefings, policy positions and technical advices provided. Number of national advisory Committee meetings attended.
Fulfil competent authority role in relation to the EU Detergent Regulation.	Number of technical briefings and policy positions provided and EU Detergents Working Group meetings attended. 20 detergent products assessed under the 150 product assessments.
Fulfil designated national authority (DNA) role in relation to the EU Rotterdam Regulation on the export and import of dangerous substances.	Number of export notifications and consents received and processed. One DNA meeting attended. Number of briefings and policy positions provided. Article 10 Report submitted. Input provided to DJEI for Article 22 member state report.
Meet national obligations in relation to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) under the United Nations Chemical Weapons Convention.	International inspections under the OPCW facilitated as required. Annual declarations submitted on time. Number of OPCW meetings and events attended. OPCW notified of unavailable inspection periods.
Provide technical advice and support to the Minister, DJEI and companies affected by Brexit. Contribute to EU discussions on the impact of Brexit on REACH, CLP, ADR Transport, COMAH and other chemical legislation.	Advice and assistance provided through the chemicals helpdesk to companies affected by Brexit decisions regarding chemical legislation. Support and assistance provided to the Minister when required. Input into EU discussions on Brexit impacts completed.



## Chemicals enforcement

Planned actions	Performance indicators
<p>Chemicals Act 2008 and the Chemicals (Amendment) Act 2010, complete a programme of on-site inspections and desk-based assessments, to assess compliance with REACH, CLP, Detergents and Export-Import Regulations by targeting those in the supply chain who manufacture, import, distribute and formulate. Particular emphasis will be given to enforcement of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Registration duties under REACH.</li> <li>- ECHA (European Chemicals Agency) communications to Irish companies regarding Article 36, 40(3) and 41(3) decisions.</li> </ul>	<p>Five REACH registration audits completed.</p> <p>ECHA communications and statements of non-compliance followed up and appropriate action taken as necessary, including inspection and enforcement.</p>
<p>Ensure the provision of correct information on the classification of chemical hazards and advice on the safe use of chemicals in the supply chain by checking that chemicals used in the workplace comply with REACH Annex II (safety data sheets), Annex XIV (authorisation), Annex XVII (restriction) and CLP requirements.</p>	<p>300 inspections completed with a focus on REACH/CLP duties. 10 REACH/CLP audits completed. 150 chemical products checked.</p>
<p>Participate in the EU Forum REF 5 enforcement project on exposure scenarios.</p>	<p>Agreed number of inspections and follow-up actions completed as required by project.</p>
<p>Conclude the actions arising from the 2016 Forum project on restrictions.</p>	<p>Irish report on the Forum project completed and submitted by ECHA deadlines.</p>

## Classification, Labelling and Packaging (CLP) policy and competent authority functions

Planned actions	Performance indicators
<p>Fulfil the lead competent authority role in relation to CLP with particular regard to a number of key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participation in the European Commission's competent authorities group (CARACAL) and associated sub-groups on CLP.</li> <li>- Provide the national CLP helpdesk.</li> <li>- Support stakeholders through the provision of information on <a href="http://www.hsa.ie">www.hsa.ie</a> and on social media, and through guidance and seminars as appropriate.</li> <li>- CLP obligations with respect to chemicals placed on the market.</li> </ul>	<p>Number of meetings attended. Number of policy positions prepared.</p> <p>Number of queries answered. Number of Helpnet meetings attended. Input provided to queries from other member state helpdesks and to the development of ECHA's 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQs).</p> <p>Guidance prepared and seminars organised and/or presentations delivered.</p> <p>Annex VI proposal for harmonised classification and labelling prepared.</p>

## Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH)

Planned actions	Performance indicators
<p>Fulfil competent authority role under COMAH III Regulations, including inspections, safety report assessments, land use planning (LUP) advice and stakeholder support and engagement.</p>	<p>Number of safety reports (new, revised, five-year updates) received and processed. Number of notifications received and assessed. Number of major accident prevention policies received and assessed. Number of LUP advices provided.</p>
<p>Carry out risk-based inspections of COMAH sites, using a layer-of-protection analysis technique, focusing on safety management systems and risk control systems, with direct links to the relevant major accident hazards.</p>	<p>Risk-based inspection programme in place based on a risk-rating system. 90 COMAH inspections completed.</p>
<p>Prepare a detailed annual COMAH inspection programme.</p>	<p>Routine inspection programmes and plans that meet the requirements of Regulation 22 in place for each COMAH establishment.</p>
<p>Provide technical advice regarding COMAH Regulations to DJEI as requested.</p>	<p>Legislative and technical advice provided to DJEI in a timely manner.</p>

## Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) (Cont'd)

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Review memorandum of understanding with An Bord Pleanála.	Memorandum reviewed and revised as appropriate.
Receive and assess electronic notifications for major accident prevention policies (MAPPs) from COMAH establishments.	Notifications and MAPPs assessed.
Host the COMAH public information webpages for all establishments on www.hsa.ie.	Public information webpages available in line with regulation requirements; number of webpage hits and AiE (access to information on the environment) requests received.
Publish central competent authority guidance on safety report assessment.	Guide to e-notification published and promoted.
Conclude review of current LUP guidelines. Review consistency of COMAH Regulations with planning legislation.	Updated LUP guidelines in place and promoted. Follow-up actions on provision of generic advice completed as necessary. Consistency reviewed and required actions identified.
Produce guidance, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, on what will constitute a 'significant' modification and therefore require advance notification by a COMAH operator.	Technical guidance developed and published.
Promote the regulations and guidance with seminars and workshops as appropriate.	Number of events on COMAH Regulations implementation held. Number of sector meetings with operators, planners and local competent authorities.
Provide annual report form to local competent authorities. Review annual reports from local competent authorities on external emergency activities in 2015. Complete reviews and follow-ups as appropriate. Streamline interaction with planning authorities through new COMAH software.	Report form provided. Reports received and assessed as appropriate.
Provide data to the European Commission.	eSPIRS (Seveso Plant Information Retrieval System) updated.
Put in place a charging system for COMAH inspection and investigation.	Charging system in place. Invoices raised and paid.
Perform risk-based sub-COMAH inspections as part of a targeted campaign. Inspect and enforce requirements in relation to oil jetties, large petroleum bulk and liquefied petroleum gas stores and sub-COMAH sites.	75 sub-COMAH sites inspected.

## Dangerous Substances Act (DSA) and retail and private petroleum stores (RPPS)

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Provide support and advice to the Minister with respect to the DSA legislation.	Provided support and advice on request.
Provide technical support to DJEI in relation to the planned reform of the DSA legislative regime.	Supported government policy on revocation of DSA by assisting on legislative proposals when required.
Enforce the DSA and RPPS legislation.	120 RPPS site inspections completed.

## Occupational hygiene

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Fulfil lead authority role in relation to the enforcement of Asbestos, Chemical Agents, Carcinogens and Biological Agents Directives through a nationwide inspection programme and continue to increase focus on worker health protection.	700 inspections completed, addressing asbestos, biological agents, chemical agents, carcinogens, information in the supply chain (safety data sheets and chemical labels under REACH and CLP), market surveillance (chemicals/personal protective equipment) and noise.
Support the Authority's obligations in relation to the enforcement of particular duties under REACH, CLP and Detergents Regulations and the market surveillance programme. Inspections will focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High risk chemicals and user information (see above under Chemicals enforcement)</li> <li>- Higher risk asbestos removal, risk assessments of asbestos containing materials in pre-2000 workplace buildings and clearance standards for high and lower risk asbestos work</li> <li>- Legionella control in higher risk establishments in the hospitality sector and review of notifying bodies</li> <li>- Respiratory protective equipment programmes, local exhaust ventilation and personal protective equipment (PPE) for chemical use</li> <li>- Specific occupational hygiene inspection interventions, e.g. EMF risk assessments, chemical agents in the healthcare sector, active pharmaceutical ingredient/powder controls in the pharmaceutical sector and chemical safety in nail bars</li> <li>- Noise and radon management.</li> </ul>	Inspection data collected, analysed and followed up as appropriate.

## Occupational hygiene (Cont'd)

### Planned actions

Fulfil lead authority role in relation to the administration of the asbestos, chemical agents, carcinogens and biological agents directives through legislative and policy interventions, publications, stakeholder advice and engagements, national and EU working groups and DJEI support:

- Represent Ireland on SLIC CHEMEX.
- Represent the Authority on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) Committee and Radiological Protection Advisory Committee.
- Represent the Authority on the National Radon Control Strategy co-ordination group.
- Support DJEI in transposition work for the 4th Indicative List of Occupational Exposure Limit Values Directive and the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive.
- Complete review of current asbestos enforcement and policy approach.
- Finalise and publish new guidelines supporting the updated Chemical Agents Regulations 2001-2015.
- Continue to act as national contact point for the Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits (SCOEL).

### Performance indicators

Number of chemical-related requests for information responded to; Number of asbestos notifications processed. Number of biological agent notifications processed.

Number of meetings attended.

Number of meetings attended.

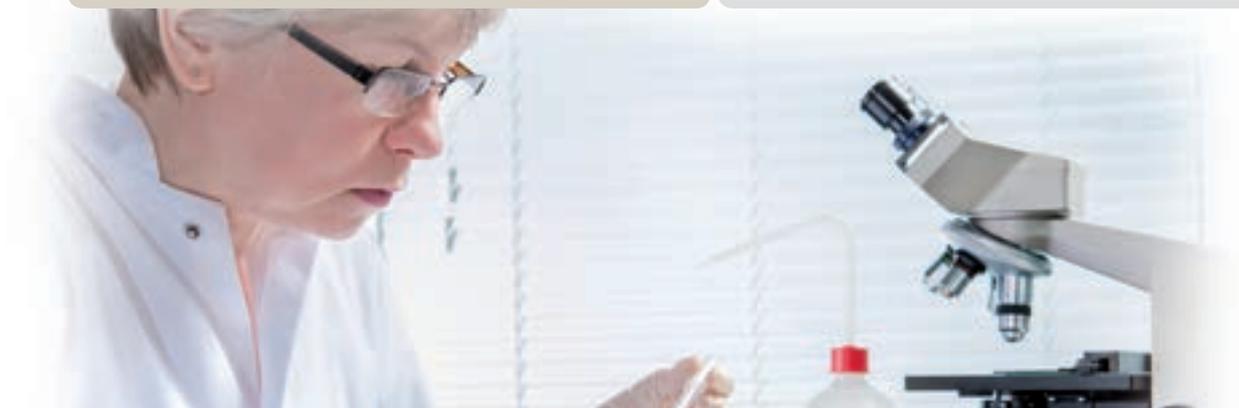
Number of meetings attended.

Number of meetings attended. Number of position or policy papers produced and presented at national and EU meetings. Number of briefings provided to DJEI.

Asbestos policy review completed and recommendations presented to the Board.

Guidelines for updated Chemical Agents Regulations 2001-2015 published and promoted.

Selected SCOEL documents reviewed and responses provided as required.



## REACH policy and competent authority functions

Planned actions	Performance indicators
<p>Fulfil the lead competent authority role in relation to the REACH Regulation with particular regard to a number of key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participation in key Commission and ECHA committees (see Appendix 2)</li> <li>- Provision of, and support to, the IE expert to the Risk Assessment Committee (RAC)</li> <li>- Registration obligations</li> <li>- Dossier and substance evaluation</li>   <li>- Screening of relevant substances as part of ECHA's common screening programme</li> <li>- Identification of substances of very high concern and their prioritisation for inclusion in Annex XIV</li> </ul>	<p>Number of meetings attended. Number of policy positions prepared.</p> <p>Number of ECHA dossier evaluation decisions reviewed and amendments proposed. Number of substance evaluation draft decisions prepared by other member states reviewed and amendments proposed.</p> <p>Number of substances screened for CoRAP, SVHC and harmonised classification and labelling.</p> <p>Number of Annex XV dossiers reviewed and commented on</p>
<p>Provide the REACH national helpdesk.</p>	<p>Number of queries answered. Number of Helpnet meetings attended. Input provided to queries from other member state helpdesks and to the development of ECHA FAQs.</p>
<p>Continue the awareness-raising communication campaign on the 2018 registration deadline, with a continued focus on support to small and medium enterprises.</p>	<p>Companies were aware of their obligations to register and had the necessary advice and tools to do so.</p>
<p>Continue to raise awareness on the safe use of chemicals amongst the end-users of chemicals, including consumers.</p>	<p>Number of targeted communications and presentations completed.</p>
<p>Obtain agreement amongst member states and ECHA on the draft decision prepared for the substance evaluation from the 2015 Community rolling action plan (CoRAP).</p>	<p>Decision agreed and issued to the registrant.</p>
<p>Complete follow-up from the 2013 substance evaluation as appropriate.</p>	<p>Information submitted by registrants on the 2013 substance evaluation reviewed and any necessary follow-up action completed.</p>

## REACH policy and competent authority functions (Cont'd)

### Planned actions

Continue to contribute to the European Commission's goal to identify all relevant substances of very high concern (SVHCs) by 2020 under the SVHC roadmap.

### Performance indicators

One risk management option analysis (RMOA) prepared. Number of reviews and comments on RMOA proposals from other member states. Number of REACH Risk Management Expert (RIME) meetings and co-ordination groups attended.



## Storage, supply and transport of dangerous substances and goods

Planned actions	Performance indicators
<p>Fulfil competent authority roles and obligations under ADR/TPE (transportable pressure equipment) legislation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Provide guidance and support to stakeholders through www.hsa.ie and the Authority’s helpdesk.</li> <li>– Process competent authority authorisations as required.</li> <li>– Manage the contract for the administration of ADR driver and Dangerous Goods Safety Adviser (DGSA) exams.</li> <li>– Represent Ireland as national competent authority at UN and EU working groups.</li> <li>– Develop national policy and procedures in relation to ADR/TPE legislation, including influencing national policy developments by participation in relevant national fora and working groups, e.g. Gas Technical Standards Committee, Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs), Waste Association representative groups, DGSAIL, ADR Inter-Agency Group, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Appropriate guidance and advice disseminated to stakeholders.</p> <p>All competent authority authorisations processed in accordance with agreed procedures.</p> <p>Services provided in line with agreed contract and service-level agreement.</p> <p>Stakeholders consulted, papers prepared and meetings attended as required.</p> <p>Number of papers and briefings prepared. Appropriate policy and procedures in place for implementing ADR/TPE Regulations. Authority informed about technical and legal developments relating to ADR and TPE at national level. Authority input achieved by way of participation in relevant national fora.</p>
<p>Provide technical support to DJEI in relation to the transposition of ADR legislation, and ongoing amendments, to resolve legal issues in relation to fines and national transport issues. In particular, provide technical support for the development of a written scheme of testing for national-use-only tanks.</p>	<p>Briefing materials and technical advice provided. Stakeholders consulted and meetings attended as required.</p>
<p>Enforce the ADR/TPE legislation, taking account of the requirements of the Road Checks Directive, and in line with planned targeted areas, in particular in relation to the transport of hazardous waste.</p>	<p>300 road checks completed. 120 inspections completed on premises with a DGSA. Inspection data collected, analysed and followed up as appropriate.</p>
<p>Report on enforcement activities to the European Commission as required.</p>	<p>Annual report provided to DJEI within deadline.</p>
<p>Carry out investigations under ADR/TPE as required, and provide technical support to other compliance programmes as necessary.</p>	<p>Number of investigations completed. Files prepared and submitted in line with Authority policy and procedures.</p>

## Market Surveillance Programmes

Planned actions	Performance indicators
<p>Contribute to the national market surveillance plan in relation to chemicals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check that chemicals classified as carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic to reproduction are not available for sale to the general public.</li> <li>- Check that chemicals used in the workplace comply with REACH Annex II (safety data sheet), Annex XIV (authorisation), Annex XVII (restriction) and CLP requirements.</li> <li>- Monitor RAPEX alerts for non-compliance with REACH Annex XVII and CLP.</li> <li>- PPE for chemical use.</li> </ul>	<p>150 product assessments completed.</p> <p>20 articles screened for compliance with restriction on nickel. Non-compliant products notified to European Commission's market surveillance notification database.</p> <p>10% of relevant RAPEX alerts assessed for availability on Irish market.</p> <p>Relevant Rapex alerts assessed for availability on Irish market. Non-compliant products notified to the European Union's market surveillance notification database</p>
<p>Participate in the EU co-funded project on compliance of chainsaws and vehicle servicing lifts with the Machinery Directive.</p>	<p>Engaged with a number of importers of the relevant machinery. Assessment for compliance completed.</p>



### Accreditation of existing and new clients

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Maintain a programme of surveillance and re-assessment site visits for existing accredited clients.	Accreditation for existing base of accredited clients maintained through a programme of annual surveillance and unannounced assessments.
Process new applicants efficiently as received (average of 8–10 new applicants annually).	Applicants processed within 18 months (from date of application to accreditation).
Award new accreditations across all sectors.	Awarded 15 accreditations (by INAB Board) and 120 extensions to scope (by INAB Manager).

### INAB systems and processes

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Implement client relationship management (CRM) system.	System fully rolled out to all clients.
Re-design INAB website.	Full review and re-design of INAB website completed, providing enhanced functionality and user access.
Continue business review process.	Implemented changes in INAB processes as identified during project phase in 2016.

### Monitoring authority for good laboratory practice (GLP)

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Continue surveillance programme for one facility within current monitoring programme.	Surveillance programme for GLP compliant facilities continued.
Maintain international obligations.	INAB represented at OECD and European Commission meetings on GLP. INAB co-operated on study audits requested by regulatory agencies as necessary.

## Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) functions

### Planned actions

Discharge competent body functions and work programme on behalf of the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government as agreed.

### Performance indicator

Register of EMAS sites in Ireland maintained. INAB represented Ireland at European Commission meetings on behalf of the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. INAB represented INAB at accreditation body meetings for EMAS verifiers.

## International representation and peer evaluations

### Planned actions

Fulfil European Co-operation for Accreditation (EA) and EMAS mandate for peer evaluator person days.

Fulfil multilateral agreement requirements through participation at relevant meetings, developing and reviewing applicable international policies and standards.

### Performance indicators

Participated in three peer evaluations of EA accreditation bodies.

Represented INAB at relevant technical committees and working groups.

## Communications

### Planned actions

Provide relevant and timely communications to clients and stakeholders.

Review the quality of INAB services.

### Performance indicators

Newsletters and other communications to clients and assessors issued. Selected media and other awareness campaigns on the benefits of INAB accreditation completed. Client and assessor seminar or workshop hosted.

Client survey conducted to obtain feedback on the provision of INAB services.

## Development of INAB services

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Raise awareness of INAB and the use of accredited services within DJEI and other government departments. Harmonise approach to accreditation within public bodies.	National accreditation policy drafted.
Maintain and develop relationships with key stakeholders and influence policy to rely on accredited services.	Selected media and other awareness campaigns on the benefits of INAB accreditation completed in targeted areas.

## INAB governance

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Maintain and develop INAB structure.	Six board meetings held. Advisory structure within INAB reviewed and improved. Membership of INAB Board and committees ensured appropriate and balanced representation of interests.
Maintain compliance with international standards and requirements as the national accreditation body.	Internal INAB quality system maintained to ensure ongoing compliance. Expansion of the international multilateral agreement signatory status considered to ensure INAB is best placed to meet future demand.



## Communications

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Provide and disseminate user-friendly information on occupational safety and health, chemicals and accreditation through www.hsa.ie, social media and the Authority's contact centre.	Number of customer contacts via website, contact centre and social media.
Increase social media audience on Authority platforms by 10% minimum.	Audience size increased by at least 10%.
Implement improved processes in the Workplace Contact Unit.	Online workplace complaint submission process in place and service-level targets achieved.
Conduct targeted awareness-raising campaigns in the areas of farm safety, construction safety, chemical safety, occupational health and general safety awareness.	Quantifiable evidence of impact and value for money.
Co-ordinate and support events relating to the above areas.	Number of events and levels of attendance and satisfaction.
Co-ordinate the national Focal Point activity, including management of the European Week for Safety and Health at Work under the campaign theme 'Healthy Workplaces for All Ages'.	Minimum of three national Focal Point meetings held.
Proactively target regional and national media outlets.	Number of press releases and evidence of balanced coverage.
Design and produce official publications in a reader-friendly format and style.	Authority publications designed to meet customer needs.

## Corporate governance

Planned actions	Performance indicator
Implement plan to achieve full compliance with the new requirements of the <i>Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies</i> .	Full compliance achieved.
Respond to Freedom of Information, Data Protection and Access to Information on the Environment requests.	Respond to requests and appeals within the legal timeframes.

## Education

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Roll out the updated Choose Safety transition year and senior cycle programmes for 2017/18.	In excess of 25,000 students undertook the programme in the 2017/18 academic year.
Implement year one of a new strategy for education.	Year one strategy actions completed.
Maintain and develop the Authority's online learning portal and learning management system to ensure enhanced and optimal functionality and to seek continued recognition for CPD (continuing professional development) points from relevant bodies.	Growth in numbers taking online courses. Four new courses added to the portal.
Review the post-primary guidelines on safety and health in schools.	Revised guidelines published.

## Facilities and services

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Provide a high standard of accommodation to all staff so as to support staff productivity.	New offices acquired for the Galway regional office. Dublin office reorganisation completed.

## Finance

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Provide management reports to managers and Board members so that expenditure can be monitored and controlled.	Expenditure in line with budgets allocated to each unit.
Support the work of the Audit and Finance Committees of the Board.	Internal and external audits carried out in accordance with audit plan. Recommendations acted upon.
Manage the outsourced finance function so that a high-quality service is provided to the Authority.	Service-level agreement in place and reported on quarterly. Payments made in line with prompt payments requirements.

## Human resources

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Provide learning and development opportunities to staff so that the Authority maximises the capability of its staff.	Number of full-time equivalent days of formal learning and development activities completed per staff member.
Continue to invest in our electronic human resource system so as to maximise its functionality.	New modules implemented and paperwork reduced.
Offer appropriate supports to ensure high standards of occupational safety and health for all staff.	New staff occupational health service in place, together with active management of staff safety. Employee assistance programme available and actively promoted.
Continue to champion the Staff Wellbeing Group and ensure active management and support for staff wellbeing.	Regular group meetings held and at least one wellbeing activity organised on a quarterly basis. Staff from all offices of the Authority participated.
Recruit, induct and train new staff to fill vacant posts.	Process to fill vacant posts managed efficiently.
Actively manage industrial relations to ensure that issues are dealt with expeditiously.	No disruption of services due to Authority industrial relations issues.
Continue to provide technical advice and support to line managers on human resource related matters.	Timely advice provided to line managers as required. Managers coached when dealing with difficult issues.
Review and update human resource policies relating to grievance and disciplinary issues.	Policies revised and updated in consultation with staff unions.



## Information and communications technology (ICT) and innovation

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Use ICT to enable more effective ways of working.	Application to capture inspection field data rolled out to inspectors. INAB CRM system extended to external parties. Improvements made in customer contact processes.
Maintain key productivity applications so as to enable productive working.	High level of system availability.
Keep security and backup systems in place to ensure integrity of key Authority information and data.	Backup and recovery process upgraded to take advantage of technology. No loss of data.
Keep telecommunications system in place to facilitate efficient mobile and fixed line communications and video and audio conferencing capabilities in all Authority offices.	New meeting room and wireless networking in full use in the Dublin office.

## Legal services

Planned actions	Performance indicators
Manage the Authority's prosecution caseload in accordance with the protocol with, and in liaison with, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and state legal services. Advise on and manage all civil litigation involving the Authority, including appeals of enforcement notices, injunction applications and judicial reviews. Manage the Authority's relationship with external legal service providers. Provide practical legal advice on regulatory and workplace safety matters to the Authority's multidisciplinary inspectorate. Provide legal advice to the Authority and all divisions of the Authority as necessary in relation to the Authority's functions and activities.	The Authority's civil and criminal litigation caseload managed effectively. Legal advice and support provided in an effective and timely manner.

## Staff safety and health

### Planned actions

Manage the safety and health of staff so as to avoid work-related injury and ill-health. Conduct regular reviews of the safety statement and office inspections. Maintain an active Safety Committee.

### Performance indicators

Low level of absence due to work-related injuries and ill-health.

## Statistics and research

### Planned actions

Provide statistics on occupational safety and health to help identify key issues and trends to be addressed in Authority work programmes.

Work with other agencies and departments, in particular the Central Statistics Office (CSO) and the Department of Social Protection, to improve the availability of statistics on workplace ill-health and injuries.

### Performance indicators

Statistical report on occupational safety and health published.

Detailed safety statistics published through the CSO statistics portal.



Inspection area	Inspection target
<b>Occupational safety and health (OSH) legislation</b>	
Agriculture	2,000
Forestry	50
Fishing	50
Construction	4,000
Manufacturing	600
Wholesale and retail	420
Healthcare	130
Mines and quarries	200
Transport and storage	200
Accommodation and food services	200
Other NACE sectors (e.g. electricity and gas, water, sewerage and waste services; financial and insurance, real estate and renting services; information and communication services; administrative services; education; other services)	500
<i>Topical inspection campaigns:</i>	
Waste collection and disposal	
Healthcare: violence, aggression and stress	
Asphalt manufacture	
Block manufacture	
Wholesale: storage racking and forklift use	
Retail: supply of second-hand farm machinery	
Property management: maintenance and certification of lifts	
LPG storage and filling	
Work-related vehicle safety	300
<b>Total inspections under OSH legislation</b>	<b>8,650</b>

Inspection area	Inspection target
<b>Chemicals legislation</b>	
Occupational hygiene	700
COMAH (control of major accident hazards)	90
Sub-COMAH	75
REACH – registration audits	5
REACH – CLP audits	10
Transport of dangerous goods (ADR/TPE)	420
Retail and private petroleum stores (RPPS)	120
<b>Total inspections (including audits) under chemicals legislation</b>	<b>1,420</b>
<b>Market surveillance of chemical products</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>REACH and CLP inspections (to be completed as part of occupational hygiene and COMAH programmes)</b>	<b>300</b>

## Investigations

*Complaint investigations:* Issues raised with the Authority will be prioritised as complaints or matters of concern. Complaints will be addressed with the duty holder and where necessary assigned to the inspectorate for investigation. Issues of concern may direct individual workplace inspections.

*Accident investigations:* All workplace accidents resulting in a fatality will be investigated. In addition, other serious accidents, where they become known to the Authority, may be prioritised for investigation or may direct individual workplace inspections.

It is estimated that the Authority will initiate approximately 700 investigations in 2017.

As competent authority and national lead on occupational safety and health, chemicals, market surveillance and accreditation legislation, the Authority will actively participate in EU and international committees and expert working groups. We will communicate the Irish position effectively to influence an outcome that benefits Ireland, or that does not put Ireland at a disadvantage. We will provide technical, scientific and policy inputs at EU and international levels as requested by the Minister and DJEI. The list of committees provided below is not exhaustive and covers only the main committees and working groups.

### European and international committees in which the Authority participates

European Chemicals Agency Management Board  
 CARACAL (Competent Authorities for REACH and CLP)  
 ECHA Committee for Risk Assessment (RAC)  
 Member State Committee on REACH  
 REACH Competent Authorities Sub-Groups on CLP and Nanomaterials  
 REACH Risk Management Expert (RIME)  
 ECHA Forum on Enforcement of REACH, CLP and the Rotterdam Regulation (PIC)  
 Detergents Working Group  
 Designated National Authority Committee for the Rotterdam Regulation (PIC)  
 Central Competent Authority for Seveso  
 Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) Group  
 Advisory Committee on Safety and Health  
 EU Working Party on OSH Information System  
 EU Technical Dangerous Goods Committee (TDGC)  
 UNECE Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (WP15)  
 Working Party on Reducing Vehicle Risks at Work  
 EU Expert Group in Cargo [load] Securing  
 European Transport Safety Council – Work-related Road Safety  
 Transportable Pressure Equipment Advisory Committee  
 Machinery Advisory Committee  
 Pressure Equipment Directive Advisory Committee  
 Lifts Advisory Committee  
 Personal Protective Equipment Advisory Committee  
 ATEX (explosive atmospheres) Advisory Committee  
 EU Chief Inspectors of Mines  
 Senior Labour Inspectorate Committee (SLIC)  
 Technical Working Group on European Statistics on Accidents at Work  
 European Co-operation on Accreditation (EA) Technical and Policy Committees (Laboratory, Inspection, Harmonisation, Certification, Multilateral Agreement, General Assembly)  
 International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC) Technical and Policy Committees (Laboratory, Inspection and General Assembly)  
 International Accreditation Forum (IAF) Technical and Policy Committees (Certification and General Assembly)  
 European Commission Internal Market for Products (IMP)  
 European Commission and OECD Committees on Good Laboratory Practice (GLP)  
 European Commission Committees on Eco-Management and Audit Systems (EMAS)

Legislation	Status
Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Quarries) Regulations	With Office of the Parliamentary Counsel (OPC) for legal settlement
Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Diving) Regulations	With OPC for legal settlement
Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Onshore and Offshore Drilling) Regulations	With OPC for legal settlement
Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) (Amendment) Regulations with regard to use of work equipment	With OPC for legal settlement
Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Mines) Regulations	With OPC for legal settlement
Chemicals Act (Rotterdam) Regulations	DJEI preparing draft regulations
Chemicals Act (Detergents) Regulations	DJEI preparing draft regulations
Update of European Communities (Good Laboratory Practice Regulation) Regulations 1991	DJEI preparing draft regulations
Review of Dangerous Substances Act	DJEI to lead
Review of Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005	Authority proposals sent to DJEI at end 2016
ADR 2017 and outstanding amendments to address national transport and legal issues	Regulations to be introduced by 30 June 2017
Review of Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (General Application) Regulations 2007-2016	Preparatory work to begin in 2017
Safety in Industry Acts – revocation and repeals exercise	Authority to prepare proposals in 2017

## Codes of Practice

Code of Practice for avoiding danger from overhead lines – in conjunction with ESB

Code of Practice on Access and Working Scaffolds

Code of Practice on Farm Safety





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