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OECD Nuclear Energy Agency

Overview on Nuclear Legislation in Central and Eastern Europe and the NIS, 2003, 214 pages

This overview published by the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency, in English and French, examines the legislation and regulations governing the peaceful uses of nuclear energy in the central and eastern European countries (CEEC) and the New Independent States (NIS). It also contains information on the national bodies responsible for the regulation and control of nuclear energy.

The nuclear energy sector has not escaped from the changes that have affected the political, economic and social climates in these countries over the past 15 years. This study was first prepared in 1997 to enlighten readers on the proliferation of legislative and regulatory texts governing nuclear energy in this region and in light of the interest generated by this phenomenon. This is the second time that this overview has been revised (the first revision was in 2000) which reflects the important developments that have continued to take place in this sector over recent years. The scope has also been enlarged to cover countries that were not originally included in this overview.

Overview on the Regulatory Control of Radioactive Waste Management, 2004, 205 pages

The NEA Radioactive Waste Management Committee (RWMC) provides a forum for exchange and comparison of information on national regulatory practices and maintains an informal international network for discussing issues of common concern. This report presents the initial work of the RWMC Regulators' Forum. Information is provided in respect of 15 NEA member countries in a format that allows easy accessibility to specific aspects and comparison between different countries. It includes an array of facts about national policies for radioactive waste management, institutional frameworks, legislative and regulatory frameworks, available guidance, classification and sources of waste and the status of waste management. It also provides an overview of current issues being addressed and related R&D programmes.

Austria

Atomhaftungsgesetz 1999, by Monika Hinteregger and Susanne Kissich, Vienna, 2004, 176 pages

This book, published in the German language, includes first of all a comprehensive overview of the international nuclear third party liability regime, including the Vienna, Paris and Brussels Conventions as amended.

Its principal objective is to analyse and provide comment on the 1999 Federal Act on Civil Liability for Damage caused by Radioactivity (see *Nuclear Law Bulletin* No. 62; the text of this Act is reproduced in the Supplement *NLB* No. 63), referring in particular to international standards.

The authors emphasise the fact that the Austrian Act diverges from some of the key provisions of the above-mentioned conventions. Therefore, its adoption may hinder the adhesion of Austria to these instruments. The Act does not provide for the channelling of liability. Moreover, it requires that when damage occurs in Austria, cases should be heard by national judges applying Austrian law.

However, the Act does not seem to entirely exclude the possibility of Austria acceding to the amending protocols and additional agreement signed since 1997 which amend and complete the Vienna, Paris and Brussels conventions. In this context, the 1999 Act requires that the Austrian federal government regularly report to the parliament on the evolution of international nuclear third party liability law, and on available funds for compensation.

French and English versions of the law are reproduced in the annex to this book.

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Seminar on Nuclear Law and the Protection of the Environment, Cluj-Napoca (Romania), July 2004

A seminar on nuclear law and the protection of the environment will be held from 5 to 9 July 2004 at the Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania. This seminar, which will be conducted in French, is being organised by the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency in co-operation with the Romanian National Commission for the Control of Nuclear Activities (CNCAN), the Romanian National Nuclear Power Company (*Nuclearelectrica S.A.*), ROMATOM, Babes-Bolyai University, the University of Montpellier and the International School of Nuclear Law, the French section of the International Nuclear Law Association (INLA), the *Société française de l'énergie nucléaire* (SFEN – Law and Insurance section) and the University Agency for the French Language (*l'Agence universitaire de la francophonie*). The European Commission has also granted its support to this venture.

Nuclear and environmental law are two closely interrelated branches of law. The seminar will cover a series of topical subjects for environmental protection in the context of nuclear activities:

- safety of nuclear installations and radiological protection;
- legal and policy issues related to radioactive waste management;
- management of nuclear accidents and radiological emergencies;
- liability and compensation for nuclear damage;

- nuclear security;
- public participation and information.

Further information on this Seminar is available on the Web site of the NEA at www.nea.fr/html/law/isnl/romania/index.htm

2004 Session of the International School of Nuclear Law

The 2004 Session of the International School of Nuclear Law will take place at the University of Montpellier 1 from Monday 23 August to Friday 3 September 2004 inclusive.

The programme for the 2004 Session will include the following classes: protection against ionising radiation (including the use of radiation sources); safety of nuclear installations; radioactive waste management; transport of nuclear materials; nuclear security (including physical protection and illicit trafficking of nuclear materials); non-proliferation; international regulation of nuclear trade; third-party liability and the indemnification of nuclear damage.

The programme is open to law students pursuing their studies at doctoral or masters level, who wish to follow an introductory course on nuclear law and familiarise themselves with career opportunities open to them in this field, and also to young professionals who are already active in the nuclear sector and who wish to develop their knowledge.

Participants enrolled in the ISNL programme have the possibility of applying for a University Diploma (*Diplôme d'Université* – D.U.) in International Nuclear Law. The diploma shall be awarded to candidates on the basis of continual assessment in lectures and seminars during the ISNL course and following successful performance in the written examinations which are organised in the form of a “take-home exam” at the close of each annual session. It is further required to submit a dissertation on nuclear law.

Further information on the ISNL is available on the website of the NEA at www.nea.fr/html/law/isnl/index.html

International Nuclear Law Association – 10th INLA Regional Meeting of the German Branch

The German Branch of the International Nuclear Law Association will hold its 10th regional meeting on 2 and 3 September 2004 in Celle. The theme of the conference will be “Internationalising Nuclear Law”. Subjects of national, comparative and international law shall be presented and discussed under this general theme, extending to such varied topics as the disposal of radioactive waste including decommissioned nuclear weapon systems as an international problem, nuclear safety – an international task, the establishment of a global nuclear liability regime and selected issues of German atomic energy law.

The meeting will take place in German and English with simultaneous translation.

Further information on this conference may be obtained from Dr. Norbert Pelzer, Institut für Völkerrecht, Platz der Göttinger Sieben 5, 37073 Göttingen, Germany.