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Directive 2010/32/EU on the prevention of sharps injuries in the hospital and health care sector

Implementation in Germany

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Principles of the Directive

- **Cooperation between employers and employee representatives**
- **Risk assessment**
- **Risk prevention**
 - **Qualifications, training, instruction, information**
 - **Awareness raising**
 - **Achievement of a safe working environment, in particular by**
 - **Measures against psychological strains**
 - **Technical, organisational and personal safety/protection measures**
 - **Occupational medicine**
- **Accident procedures**
 - **Medical care (post-exposure prophylaxis)**
 - **Reporting procedure – “no blame” culture – quality management**



Implementation in German law

No new legislation / regulation, but integration of provisions of Directive 2010/32/EU in existing legislation

Ordinance on biological substances (BioStoffV = German law)

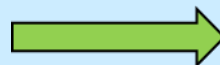
- Implements Directive 2000/54/EC on biological substances, incorporates the key provisions for the protection of the workers in the health sector



- Directive 2010/32/EU makes necessary a revision of the ordinance on biological substances

Ordinance on preventive occupational medicine (ArbmedVV = German law)

- Contains the necessary provisions concerning vaccination (requirements)



- No change needed in ordinance on preventive occupational medicine as a consequence of adoption of Directive 2010/32/EU



Implementation in German law

Content of the new ordinance on biological substances

- Integrated approach is generalised
- Clause for the health care sector with specific requirements relating to:
 - Disinfection measures
 - Handling or replacement of sharp/pointed medical instruments inc. ban on recapping
 - Disposal of sharp/pointed medical instruments
 - Accident procedures (accident reporting)



Implementation in German law

Specific rules in the Technical Rules on Biological Agents (TRBA = German rules)

- TRBA 250 for health care and welfare facilities (incorporates provisions for the prevention of injuries with medical sharps already since 2006)
- TRBA 400 for risk assessment including psycho-social risks



Timeframe and next steps

It is expected that the revised version of the ordinance on biological substances

- Will be most probably voted by the German Federal Government **on 26 June 2013**
- Promulgated in early / until mid **July 2012**

The ordinance becomes **effective the day after promulgation**

And then needs to be lived in practice!

Thank you for your attention!