



# Playground equipment safety in Slovenia – law and practice

“SAFE PLAY ON THE PLAYGROUND”

Kick-off meeting

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## Legal basis

- ◆ No specific legislation on safety of playground equipment exists
- ◆ Regulation of normative and minimal technical requirements for the place and equipment of kindergarten (Official gazette of Republic of Slovenia. n. 73/2000)
- ◆ General Product Safety Act (Official gazette of Republic of Slovenia. No. 101/2003)



# Authorities responsible for market surveillance

- ◆ Health Inspectorate of RS
- ◆ Market Inspectorate of RS
- ◆ Education and Sport Inspectorate of RS
- ◆ Municipal Inspectorates



# Competence of Health Inspectorate

- ◆ For surveillance of playground equipment installed in kindergartens
- ◆ Not competent for surveillance of equipment installed on public places or on private land



## Competence of Market Inspectorate

- For surveillance of equipment, which is offered to consumers in the course of commercial activity (e.g. at restaurants, tourist farms)
- Not competent for surveillance of equipment installed on public places or on private land



# Practice: Health Inspectorate of RS

## Inspection checks in kindergartens

- Risk-based inspection frequency at kindergartens (total 860 kindergartens)
  - ◆ level 1: once in 9 months (220 kindergartens)
  - ◆ level 2: once in 15 months (640 kindergartens)
- Regular inspections and
  - ◆ Special controls (suspicion on possible non-conformities)
  - ◆ Control checks



## Practice: Health Inspectorate of RS

### Inspection checks of outdoor equipment in kindergartens

- In 2006:
  - ◆ 173
  - ◆ Non-conformities in 4 cases
- In 2007 (till September, 30):
  - ◆ 271
  - ◆ Non-conformities in 26 cases
  - ◆ Higher number due to “Very fine sand Case” which contains high values of heavy metals lead (Pb) and cadmium (Cd) – temporary guidelines adopted



## Practice: Market Inspectorate of RS

- Inspection checks of equipment in 2006 in the context of control of catering and tourism, installed at
  - ◆ inns and
  - ◆ tourist farms
  
- Control of obvious non-conformities, e.g.
  - ◆ broken parts
  - ◆ rotten wooden parts
  - ◆ rust on metal parts





# Practice: Market Inspectorate of RS

## Inspection checks at inns in 2006

- Control at 670 inns
  - ◆ at 31 premises playground equipment was installed
  - ◆ in 2 cases broken saddles
- Equipment: swings, slides, carousels, climbing installations, trampolines, combined equipment, figures of animals
- Material: wood, metal, plastic



# Practice: Market Inspectorate of RS

## Inspection checks at tourist farms in 2006

- Control at 113 tourist farms
  - ◆ at 10 premises playground equipment was installed
  - ◆ in 2 cases obvious non-conformities
- Equipment: swings, slides, combined equipment, figures of animals,
- Material: wood, plastic



Thank you for your attention!