

## Technical Protocol

### **between the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia on Exchange of Information on Emergency Ecological Situations**

The Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia, hereinafter referred to as Parties,

Considering the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Lithuania and the Government of the Republic of Latvia on Co-operation in the Field of Environmental Protection, signed on 1 October 1999,

Having regard to the provisions of the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area of 1992,

Have agreed as follows:

**The Parties shall provide information to each other on emergency ecological situations, incidents and accidents in transboundary watercourses and international lakes, air, soil and the territorial waters or economic zones of both Parties in the Baltic Sea which have or are likely to have an impact on the environment of the other country.**

The parties shall without delay notify each other about emergency ecological situations, incidents and accidents that occurred due to ecological, natural and technological reasons on their own territories, hereinafter referred to as the "EES" (Emergency Ecological Situations) in accordance with the following criteria – "the maximum allowable level of the country where the pollution accident occurs" (allowable level), which shall be used for information on EES if incidents and accidents have or are likely to have an impact on the environment of the other country:

1. High contamination of water:
  - The concentration of oil products, or other hazardous chemical substances exceeds the maximum allowable level by as many as 5 times;

- the consumption of biochemical oxygen in the water reservoir reaches over 20 mg O<sub>2</sub>/l within the period of seven days (BOD<sub>7</sub>) or five days (BOD<sub>5</sub>), by the applied criteria which are in force in a respective country.
2. High contamination of the atmosphere – the concentration of hazardous chemical substances in the air exceed the maximum allowable level by as many as 5 times.
  3. High contamination of soil:
    - The concentration of oil products in the soil exceeds the maximum allowable level by as many as 10 times.
    - The concentration of hazardous substances waste in the soil exceeds the maximum allowable level by as many as 3 times.
  4. High radioactive contamination:
    - The total amount in the environment exceeds by as many as 3 times,
    - The activity concentration of radionuclides exceeds exemption levels set by the International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources, IAEA, Safety Series No. 115.
  5. Contamination of the sea, when the spill of oil and oil products exceeds 0.5 tons.

The Parties shall without delay provide the following information on:

1. The character, time, locality of the EES.
2. Basic conditions (meteorological, hydro) and parameters during the time of pollution (wind, waves height, temperature of air, water etc.).
3. The reason for emergency.
4. The measures related to the investigation and elimination of the EES consequences are taken.
5. The quantity of damage caused to the environment and natural resources (forecast).
6. The forecast of spreading of the pollution on the territory of the respective country.
7. Assistance necessary to speed up the investigation and elimination of the EES consequences.
8. The date when the information will be provided again. Access to information and documentation.

9. In the case of the spill of oil products at the sea, the Parties shall inform each other thereof in the procedure established in the HELCOM Manual on Co-operation in Combating Marine Pollution.

For exchange of information both Parties nominates the contact persons and institutions.

The lists of institutions and contact persons shall be annexed to the Technical Protocol. The Parties shall inform each other about changes in the institutions and contact persons in written within two weeks. The said changes in Annexes 1,2,3 shall have no effect on the validity of Technical Protocol.

Exchange of official information at the highest level is possible among the Ministers or Vice Ministers (State Secretaries) of both Parties, however, the advance warning of Exchange of Information should be given to the contact persons listed in the Annexes 2 and 3 to this Technical Protocol.

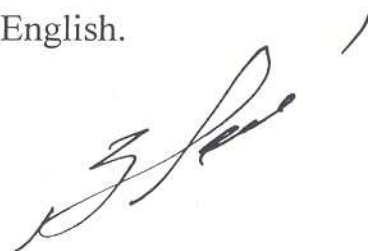
This Technical Protocol shall enter into force upon signing it.

This Technical Protocol shall remain in force unless three month before one of the Parties notifies the other Party in writing of its intention to withdraw the Technical Protocol.

Done in Neringa on 24 May 2001 in two copies, in English.



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