

ROADMAP PUBLIC HEALTH SECTOR ROLE IN SOUND CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES MANAGEMENT IN UKRAINE

SUMMARY

Roadmap for the public health sector role in sound chemical substances management in Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the Roadmap) developed under the World Health Organization (WHO) Project “*Enhancing national legislation on sound chemical substances management in Ukraine: strengthening the involvement of public health sector*” with the participation of the Ministry of Health (MoH) of Ukraine, SE “Committee for Hygienic Regulation of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine”, SE “Public Health Center of Ukraine”, higher medical educational institutions (HEIs), research institutes (RIs) of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and the National Academy of Medical Sciences (NAMS) of Ukraine, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), representatives of business associations.

The roadmap is designed to establish the key public health sector role in preparing amendments to the national legislation on sound chemical substances management.

The authorised central executive authorities can use the Roadmap that makes managerial decisions on enhancing chemical safety in the country and identify specific actions where a key or important supporting role is assigned to the public health sector to ensure sound chemical substances management, identifying the need for multisectoral cooperation.

Roadmap implementation will ensure the reduced negative impact of hazardous chemical substances on public health and the environment. It will strengthen stakeholders’ coordination; provide conditions for a fully specified system of sound chemical substances management in Ukraine.

Below are the key development areas for sound chemical substances management systems in Ukraine, in the light of the public health sector role to ensure sound chemical substances management throughout their life cycle:

Fields of concern	Objectives
Legislation	Harmonizing national legislation with international standards and effective implementation of adopted regulations to cover all the necessary aspects of chemical safety
Institutional potential	Dynamic stakeholder engagement to address chemical safety issues and cooperate productively with different agencies in order to create an effective sound chemical substance management system. Strengthening the participation of the public health sector in sound chemical substance management throughout their life cycle at all governance levels (Ministry of Health and its institutions, NAMS of Ukraine and its structures) and

	establishing, if necessary, relevant new structures in the public health sector
Governance and coordination	Developing an effective tool to integrate health issues into activities of national policy on sound chemical substances management throughout their life cycle, engaging the public health sector in effective performance at the international, national, regional, and project levels, its interaction with other sectors
Public health and risk mitigation	Dynamic public health sector engagement in sound chemical substances management to prevent, control, and reduce the negative impact of chemical substances on public health throughout their life cycle
Knowledge and information	Public health sector engagement in strengthening data collection and exchange system, eliminating gaps in risk assessment procedures based on objective findings on hazardous chemicals, making informed decisions as part of the sound chemical substances management throughout their life cycle at all governance levels

Expected outcome:

- ✓ sound chemical substances management throughout their life cycle by reducing their significant negative health and ecological impact;
- ✓ sustainable national infrastructure based on legislative, informational and institutional components.