

ANNEX VIII

Particulars to be included in the preparation of external emergency response plans pursuant to Article 29

1. The authority or authorities responsible for coordinating emergency response shall make the following available:
 - (a) an inventory of available equipment, its ownership, location, means of transport to and mode of deployment at the site of the major accident;
 - (b) a description of the measures in place to ensure equipment and procedures are maintained in operable condition;
 - (c) an inventory of industry-owned equipment that can be made available in an emergency;
 - (d) a description of the general arrangements for responding to major accidents, including competencies and responsibilities of all involved parties and the bodies responsible for maintaining such arrangements;
 - (e) measures to ensure that equipment, personnel and procedures are available and up to date and sufficient members of trained personnel are available at all times;
 - (f) evidence of prior environment and health assessments of any chemicals foreseen for use as dispersants.
2. External emergency response plans shall clearly explain the role of the authorities, emergency responders, coordinators and other subjects active in emergency response, so that cooperation is ensured in responding to major accidents.
3. Arrangements shall include provisions for responding to a major accident that potentially overwhelms the Member State or exceeds its boundaries by:
 - (a) sharing external emergency response plans with adjacent Member States and the Commission;
 - (b) compiling at cross-border level the inventories of response assets, both industry and publicly owned and all necessary adaptations to make equipment and procedures compatible between adjacent countries and Member States;
 - (c) procedures for invoking the Union Civil Protection Mechanism;
 - (d) arranging transboundary exercises of external emergency response.