



**Israel Institute for
Occupational Safety and
Hygiene
IIOSH 2005
THE INFORMATION CENTER**



IIOSH Information Center

Main activities include

Provision of up-to-date information

For : workers, managers, OSH professionals, or members of the public.

Using: databases, professional literature, other printed and electronic sources.

Development and maintenance of specialized local databases.

Preparation and production of professional Publications. Maintenance : OSH-related legislation and standards register.

Research in the field of OSH.



THE INFORMATION CENTER IN FIGURES YEAR 2005

- **5,300** Written and verbal answers
- **55,000** Full text microfiche and digital items
- **50,000** Entries in the local database
- **5,900** Books and magazines
- **36** Extensive databases containing millions of items
- **2,200** Enterprises, factories, organizations receive safety information handouts
- **5,000** IIOSH bimonthly magazine subscribers read the information centre's selected answers.
- **160** International Hazard Datasheets on Occupations
- **35** International Chemical Safety Cards
- **50** Selected answers presented at the Institute's Internet site



DISTRIBUTION OF THE WRITTEN ANSWERS BY THE SUBJECT

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2005

	Subject	Amount of inquiries	%
	Total	2876	100
1	Machinery – equipment – tools	266	9.2
2	Energy (electricity, gas, water)	257	8.9
3	Industrial processes	40	1.4
4	Chemistry	671	23.3
5	Physics - radiation	99	3.5
6	Medicine	57	2.0
7	Personal protection equipment	95	3.3
8	Legislation	442	15.4
9	Fire protection	61	2.1
10	Construction works	107	3.7
11	Ergonomics	42	1.5
12	Environment	100	3.5
13	Other (occupational health, statistics, s. management etc.)	639	22.2



The human factor and occupational safety

Work related stress

Awareness of workplaces

Attention of the managers and employees

Placed on a high priority



Transportation of dangerous goods

- The IIOOSH information centre is a major source of information on all aspects of the transport of dangerous goods
- Required information, including regulatory updates around the world, to various governmental offices
- Support to the workplace
- Legislation related advisory activity :
 - Governmental offices
 - Industry
- Support to the training of the industrial and transport sectors
- Publishing of the instructions in writing to the drivers

GSH implementation.

Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.



SPECIAL PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Implementation of a self sufficient occupational safety system in some 1000 small and medium sized workplaces

The workplaces will be able to carry out autonomous occupational safety management

The system will be carried in 2 stages:

- A safety self check
- An implementation process



The Development of two educational software modules for the mobile training units and the upgrade of the existing ones

Industrial applications :

- Manual handling
- Machine protection
- Lifting devices
- Fire safety

Construction applications :

- Height related falls
- Scaffolding
- Digging
- Electrical works
- Exposure to silica and dust



Translation and adaptation of the technical info sheets prepared by the International Labour Organization Occupational Safety and Health Information Centre (CIS).

- Translation and adaptation of 161 technical info sheets
- Prepared in several languages : Hebrew, Arabic, and Russian

Guidelines on Occupational Safety for the work contractors.

- Guidelines for the industrial projects entrepreneurs
- Guidelines for the work contractors



Occupational Safety and Health Management Systems -the Competent Institute

The Competent Institute has been established in 2005

- Promote the implementation of the occupational safety and health management systems in accordance with the ILO Guidelines the first scientific conference - 5 May 2005
- Community statement was signed by Dr. Jukka Takala (ILO) and by high ranking representatives of the Israel government and the safety community



Israel adopts the ILO Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health Management Systems (ILO-OSH2001)

Systems for Promoting the Workplace Safety and Health in Israel

The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor, the Manufacturers' Association, and the General Federation of Labor recognize the importance of the ILO Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health Management Systems and their contribution to the promotion of such systems in Israel.

In order to promote the implementation of OSH Management Systems in the Israeli economy and in accordance with the ILO Guidelines, Competent Institute has been established at Israel Institute for Occupational Safety and Hygiene (IIOOSH) operating on a tri-partite basis.

Appreciating the importance of occupational safety and health management systems, we the undersigned undertake to:

- a. *Promote the occupational safety and health management systems in various sectors by adjusting the ILO Guidelines to the needs of the Israeli economy.*
- b. *Advance a productive collaboration with ILO in the field of occupational safety and health management systems in order to minimize work accidents and workers' exposure to health risks.*
- c. *Initiate, with ILO assistance, collaborative projects with international organizations and ILO member countries aimed at the development and implementation of occupational safety and health management systems.*

Signed in Jerusalem on May 2005.



Ministry of Industry,
Trade and Labor



Manufacturers' Association



General
Federation of Labor



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International Labour
Organization

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Minister of Industry,
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President, Manufacturers
Association

Amir Peretz
Chairman, General
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Chairman of the Public Board,
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IIOOSH web activities, 2005

A new monthly e-newsletter was started

Several new sections were added:

- Construction Safety
- Ergonomics and Human Factor
- Noise and Hearing Protection
- Self-Auditing tools

The full-text online library was augmented
to 840 publications

web forum - 13,000 posts

A Google-based search was added