



PROSAFE is looking for consultants

Call for expressions of interest to provide consultancy services to PROSAFE

PROSAFE is a not-for-profit organisation for Market Surveillance Authorities throughout Europe. Its aim is to promote cooperation between these authorities in Joint Actions and to define and disseminate Best Market Surveillance Practice.

Since 2005, PROSAFE has been undertaking a number of joint market surveillance actions. From 2006 to 2011 PROSAFE successfully completed the EMARS 1 and 2 Joint Actions, “Enhancing Market Surveillance through Best Practice” both focussing on general aspects of market surveillance.

In the same period PROSAFE has also started running Joint Actions targeted at specific consumer products. Until 2015 PROSAFE coordinated 21 JA's with 37 products, such as *Lighters, Sun beds, Cords and Drawstrings, Toys, Helmets, Baby Walkers, Child Appealing designed products, Food imitations, Lighting chains, Battery chargers, Fireworks, Laser pointers, Ladders, Child Care Articles, LED & CFL lights, CO & smoke detectors, etcetera.*

All Joint Actions have been co-funded by the European Commission. All EU/EEA Member States have participated two or more times.

The Joint Actions are a mixture of product oriented activities and development activities, such as Risk Assessment, e-learning, Rapid Advice forum and mutual reviews. The Joint Action under budget 2015 (acronym JA2015) will probably start in January 2016. Next to the development items, the products involved are: *Toys nr. 4 (plasticised toys), Childcare articles nr.54 (soothers/holders), Playground Safety, Handheld Power Tools nr.2 and Electrical Appliances.*

Generally, the key responsibilities will include the daily coordination of a specific product activities in cooperation with an Activity Leader. Candidates should be independent and have:

1. Good knowledge of:
 - Relevant European Directives (GPSD and the New Approach);
 - Market surveillance and enforcement procedures;
 - Risk assessment.
2. Competence in project management & good organisational skills.
3. Experience in working in an international environment with people from several EU/EFTA Member states and cultures.
4. Readiness to work as a member of a team within an established framework of policies and procedures with a minimum of direct supervision and with limited administrative support:
5. Willingness to act as liaison between PROSAFE and relevant ADministrative COoperation groups;
6. Excellent active and passive knowledge of English and, preferably, good active/passive knowledge of other official European languages;
7. No (possible) conflicts of interest with other consultancy services.

Any contracts will be drawn up under Dutch legislation. PROSAFE has been established legally in the Netherlands.

Individuals interested in submitting their application are invited to send their CV and a cover letter not later than 23 December 2015 to:

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In the cover letter please give your motivation as well as an order of preference of the products. Further we need an indication of the daily fee that you like to request for your services and a statement of your availability for the coming 26 months.