



## WHO/IPCS Global Effort on Control Banding

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## Need for a simple approach

- Risk assessment has become a very technical 'science'
- Information on risks can be complex.....
- and is only one part of the equation



## Need for a simple approach

- Risk assessors and regulators will have failed if information transfer to workers does not occur
- Control measures must be practical to be applied
- Only once applied are the benefits reaped



## IPCS

International Programme on Chemical  
Safety

- WHO
- ILO
- UNEP

## IPCS

### Objectives:

- evaluate effects of chemicals on human health
- disseminate information

## IPCS Activities

### Include:

- internationally agreed risk assessment methods
- internationally agreed chemical assessments
- development of human resources

## IPCS Products

### Chemical-specific assessment reports

- Environmental Health Criteria
- Concise International Chemical Assessment Documents

## IPCS Products

### WHO Classification of Pesticides by Hazard

- regularly updated
- 850 active ingredients

## EHCs, CICADs, etc

Aimed at risk assessors, risk managers, individuals and institutions making RM decisions at factory, local, national and regional levels.

## Other IPCS Products

- International Chemical Safety Cards
- shop-floor
  - key information on risks, informs RM
  - evaluated information for workers
  - 1,300 cards in up to 26 languages
  - very widely used

## Other IPCS Products

Pesticide Data Sheets

- for use by workers
- 94 produced

## WHO

Global Strategy on Occupational Health for All

- to address injuries/diseases that make a major contribution to the global burden of disease

## WHO Global Strategy

8 major priority areas, include:

- strengthening policies for health at work
- promotion of healthy work practices
- development of OHS standards based on scientific RA
- establishment of information support

## WHO Global Strategy

Implemented via a network of WHO Collaborating Centres

through

A Collaborating Centre Network Global Workplan

## WHO Global Strategy

Current Workplan 2002-05:

- Task Force activity on Control Banding
- China and Bulgaria to translate ILO toolkit into local languages

## WHO Control Banding Task Force Activity

- Pilot in additional countries/situations
- Enable fine-tuning to suit different circumstances

## WHO/IPCS Future for Control Banding

- Beginning evaluation
- Recommended to PAC 2002 Task Force activity on Control Banding

## WHO/IPCS Future for Control Banding

- GHS
- Wide dispersal of locally relevant hazard, risk and RM information
- Opportunity - explore IPCS products
- How could they be used to feed into control banding?

## WHO/IPCS Future for Control Banding

- IPCS assessment should enable hazard classification

leading to ....

Control Banding

## WHO/IPCS Future for Control Banding

- IPCS chemical assessments

checked

to evaluate control banding outcomes against known information for the chemical

## WHO/IPCS Future for Control Banding

Assist with reaching developing and industrializing countries, using existing and new programmes

- eg Silicosis Elimination

## Finally....

WHO/IPCS welcome active collaboration in these efforts