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Kyrgyz IPEN Participating Organization Independent Ecological Expertise (IEE) successfully completed a Quick Start Programme-funded project “Supporting SAICM and GHS (Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals) implementation in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan.” The final workshop was held on 18 June, 2015 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The workshop was attended by 33 representatives from the Ministry of Energy and Industry, Ministry on Economy and Antimonopoly Policy, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Customs Service, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Inspection on sanitary, veterinary and phytosanitary safety, State Agency on Environment Protection and Forestry, other related agencies, scientific and research institutes, consulting companies, United States Agency for International Development and business representatives.

Tremendous success was achieved for the project when a Kyrgyzstan governmental decree was adopted that confirms the approval of the GHS Implementation Program and Action Plan. Under the Plan, the first reporting period for all relevant ministries and agencies starts at the end of June 2015. The Ministry on Economy and Antimonopoly Policy and the Independent Ecological Expertise (IEE), the leaders of the process of Program development, expressed their decision to continue monitoring the implementation of the Program requirements as well as to assist relevant ministries and other stakeholders in GHS implementation in different sectors.

The Independent Ecological Expertise presented the GHS Implementation Program and Action Plan at the workshop in Bishkek and answered questions related to the implementation of the GHS requirements in different economic sectors.

In its presentation the IEE highlighted three priorities of the Program, namely:

1. Improving national legislation on classification and labeling of chemicals and its harmonization with the GHS requirements;
2. Providing reforms to existing national regulatory institutions based on the GHS approach; and
3. Raising awareness of relevant institutions on GHS requirements.

A representative of the Kyrgyz Customs Service confirmed the interest of the Service to fully implement the GHS approach on classification and labeling and congratulated both the Ministry on Economy and Antimonopoly Policy and IEE on development of the GHS Implementation Program and Action Plan.

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