

## APPROCHE DE LA DIRECTIVE SEVESO III

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**ABSTRACT:** *The Seveso-directive constitutes a generic term to refer to a set of consecutive directives on the question of major-accident hazards. The catastrophic accident in the Italian town of Seveso prompted the adoption of the first directive on the matter. The so-called Seveso-Directive, namely directive 82/501/EEC, was later amended in view of the lessons learnt from later accidents, resulting into Seveso-II (directive 96/82/EC). In 2012 Seveso III (directive 2012/18/EU on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances, amending and subsequently repealing Directive 96/82/EC) was adopted, taking into account, inter alia, the changes in the European Union legislation on the classification of chemicals. The new text, already applicable, has increased rights for citizens to access information and justice and focuses on modern topics, such as coping with ‘near misses’. So, it results that is a particularly human rights – friendly text of major importance. The cases of acts of malware against Seveso-classified installations in France, in 2015, have highlighted the close relations between safety and security, which essentially constitute the same legal good, called by the term “asfaleia” in Greek.*

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