Sunbeds: 
Policy interventions to regulate sunbed use (Webinar)

Country Experiences: Germany

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National legislation:

2009: Act on the Protection against Non-ionizing radiation

Ban of sunbed use for people under the age 18; operators of sunbeds in tanning establishments, swimming pools, fitness studios, hotels are not allowed to permit access to artificial tanning devices.

Legal basis for further regulations to be laid down by way of ordinances (e.g. UV, laser, ultrasound…).
National legislation:

2012: Ordinance on the Protection against harmful effects of artificial Ultraviolet radiation (UV-Protection-Ordinance)

- Standards for UV-emitting appliances,
- Attendance of qualified staff,
- Qualification of staff,
- Obligatory offer of customer consulting,
- Instructions, labeling of devices, information material, display of warning notices
National legislation:

Standards for UV-emitting appliances
(in accordance with EN 60335-2-27)

- e.g. limit value at 0,3 W/m² of the erythema-weighted UV irradiance,
- eye protection (offer of protective goggles),
- timer/control that terminates emission at specified UV doses.
National legislation:

- Attendance of qualified staff
- Ban of unsupervised artificial tanning services,
- Qualification of staff only by accredited centres (in accordance with regulation (EC) 765/2008).
Compliance and Enforcement:

Competent authorities of the Federal states; supported by the Federal Ministry / Federal Office for Radiation Protection (BfS).

Challenges:

- implementation/compliance varies widely;
- inspection measures depend on manpower capacity;
- surveys show that minors were still permitted access sunbeds;
- discussion about patronizing responsible citizens ("nanny state").
Any questions?

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