

**Question for written answer E-002108/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Protecting consumers from imports of illegal and dangerous toys into the European market

Many illegal toys are imported into the European market through online platforms from companies established in third countries, without complying with EU toy safety rules and without duties being paid¹.

This not only puts children's health at risk, it also creates conditions of unfair competition because the companies in question do not conform to the legislative framework in place.

In view of this:

1. How does the Commission plan to deal with these imports, ensuring that these companies comply with the rules, just like their European counterparts do, by effectively implementing the traceability provision², in particular as regards online platforms and traders established in third countries?
2. What steps will it take to ensure better handling of the large volume of imports which the relevant authorities have to deal with?

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¹ The toys are imported in small parcels worth under EUR 150 to avoid customs duties.

² Traceability of traders, Article 30 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 October 2022 on a Single Market for Digital Services and amending Directive 2000/31/EC (Digital Services Act).