

**Question for written answer E-002518/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Responsibility of online market platforms

In many instances, products from third-country sellers, purchased directly via online platforms, fail to meet European safety standards. That also emerged from a recent market survey by the toy industry.¹

As a result, there are unsafe products for consumers and unfair competition for European firms that do meet the standards.

European consumers must always be certain that products placed on the European market are safe and comply with all European standards, regardless of whether they have been purchased in a shop or via a European or foreign online platform.

A first step is to make online platforms responsible – if no other economic operator is responsible – for ensuring that products offered comply with European rules. That is currently not the case.

This could change, starting with an evaluation of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 on market surveillance and compliance of products.

The Commission was required to prepare an evaluation report on Article 4 by 16 July 2023. That report has still not been delivered.

1. When will the evaluation report be delivered, and will it be accompanied by a legislative proposal?
2. Is the Commission planning in this way (or in any other way) to make online platforms responsible for ensuring that the products they offer comply with European standards?

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¹ <https://www.toyindustries.eu/80-of-toys-bought-from-third-party-traders-on-online-marketplaces-fail-eu-safety-standards-and-could-be-a-danger-to-children>