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to the Commission
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Subject: Strengthening EU measures against unsafe imports and unfair online competition

Seven major European industry associations have criticised the Commission's proposal to introduce a EUR 2 handling fee on parcels arriving from outside the EU. They argue that the measure is largely symbolic and fails to address the core issue: the widespread sale of non-compliant and unsafe goods via online platforms that evade accountability.

With approximately 12 million parcels entering the EU daily, often without proper safety checks, industry representatives warn that relying on this fee risks delaying more effective reforms. They stress the need to close legal loopholes that allow online marketplaces to act as intermediaries without being held responsible for the products sold. In their view, the current proposal may create a false sense of action being taken while failing to curb the influx of unsafe imports or protect EU businesses from unfair competition.

Given this situation:

1. What steps does the Commission plan to take to hold online platforms accountable for goods sold within the EU?
2. How will the Commission ensure proper enforcement of product safety rules at scale, beyond this minimal fee, and prevent further delays in implementing necessary legislative reforms?

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