

Question for written answer E-000764/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
Dimitris Tsiodras (PPE)

Subject: Commission actions to strengthen market surveillance and address e-commerce challenges

A recent audit of 20 000 toys and small electronics goods imported into the EU found that more than half did not follow European safety standards and 84 % of those tested were classified as dangerous.

The application of market surveillance rules is not uniform across the EU and significant enforcement gaps are identified due to a lack of resources and coordination between national competent authorities.

Also, although the relevant regulation¹ refers to the duties of economic operators responsible for products imported into the EU, European businesses continue to face unequal competition compared to their counterparts in non-EU countries.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What measures does it intend to take to enable market surveillance authorities to better address the challenges posed by e-commerce?
2. How will it ensure the actual existence of a body that bears full responsibility for the product and that the relevant obligations are not circumvented by practices such as the creation of shell companies?
3. Is it considering the creation of a single European market surveillance authority with a mandate to carry out checks and impose penalties?

Submitted: 24.2.2026

¹ Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 on market surveillance and product compliance.