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Related to the discrepancies between Member States' performance in the 'Report on controls on products entering the EU market with regard to product compliance in 2024'¹, the Commission has initiated a dialogue with underperforming Member States to improve such controls. As main driver for future improvements, the report points to the customs reform proposal² which will create an EU Customs Authority to operate an EU Customs Data Hub and establish an EU layer of risk analysis.

The Commission is currently coordinating customs controls with market surveillance and other authorities under a Priority Control Area (PCA). These targeted controls are enhancing *per se* the protection of EU citizens against dangerous products, and findings can be used³ to strengthen the customs risk management framework. PCA findings will also inform the upcoming revision of the Market Surveillance Regulation and New Legislative Framework under the European Product Act focussing on enforcement against non-EU marketplaces, new digital tools and allowing for the potential creation of an EU Market Surveillance Authority. The Commission has recently launched a digital tool for market surveillance authorities to search for non-compliant products on online platforms⁴ and is coordinating product safety sweeps⁵ under the General Product Safety Regulation.

The Commission is progressing with the open Digital Services Act cases to encourage positive change in the digital economy, while following due process.

On 13 November 2025, Ministers of Finance approved the Commission's proposal to remove the customs duty exemption for low value parcels as soon as possible in 2026, to ensure a level playing field, in line with the Commission's Communication on e-commerce of February 2025.

¹ <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/ea5db20e-840f-11f0-9af8-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>.

² Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the Union Customs Code and the European Union Customs Authority, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 (COM/2023/258 final).

³ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/commission-preliminarily-finds-temu-breach-digital-services-act-relation-illegal-products-its>.

⁴ https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/single-market/goods/building-blocks/market-surveillance_en.

⁵ <https://ec.europa.eu/safety-gate/#/screen/pages/SafetyProductsOnline>.