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There is currently no harmonised EU legislation governing the on-road safety of electric micromobility products, except for speed pedelecs[1]. These products fall under the Machinery Directive[2], covering i.a. battery safety, while enforcement is carried out by the national market surveillance authorities. Where products are not covered by harmonised legislation, the General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR)[3] requires those products placed on the EU market to be safe. Manufacturers bear the main responsibility for product's safety. Under the GPSR, the Commission may take EU action against products posing a serious risk, including by prohibiting or restricting their sale or imposing testing or marketing conditions.

Ensuring product compliance, notably for goods sold online and imported from third countries, remains a major Single Market challenge, as highlighted in the Single Market Strategy and the e-commerce communication.
To address this, the Commission has announced a revision of the Market Surveillance Regulation[4], as part of the European Product Act (EPA), also covering standardisation and conformity assessment. It aims to close regulatory loopholes in e-commerce, strengthen digital tools, enhance cooperation and pool resources. At the same time, the revision of the Union Customs Code[5] will reinforce enforcement, including by making online suppliers or platforms responsible for the financial and non-financial obligations related to the products they sell, through the 'deemed importer' concept, and EU-level tools such as the EU Customs Data Hub and the EU Customs Authority.

[1] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02013R0168-20241127.
[2] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02006L0042-20190726.
[3] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32023R0988.
[4] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02019R1020-20240523.
[5] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02013R0952-20221212.