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In line with Article 29 of Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 (the Consumer Protection Cooperation (CPC) Regulation)¹, the Commission coordinates the sweeps conducted by national authorities. However, as the responsibility for enforcing consumer protection legislation lies with the Member States, it is for the national authorities to follow up on the findings of the sweep related to individual traders and demand corrective actions as appropriate. Further rules related to misleading practices are under consideration in the context of the Digital Fairness Act².

In line with the findings of the Commission's report on the application of the CPC Regulation³, the Commission is exploring measures that enable CPC authorities to act faster and strengthen the CPC system's deterrent effect, including when enforcing in relation to traders not established in the EU. The Commission is also assessing the need for centralised investigation and enforcement powers in specific cases at EU level.

The Commission ensures swift coordination across EU enforcement systems that complement each other, for example, enforcement under the CPC Regulation and the Digital Services Act⁴. In preparation for the revision of the CPC Regulation, the Commission is assessing how this coordination could be further strengthened to ensure consistency, as well as how to strengthen coordination between EU and national actions.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004, OJ L 345, 27.12.2017, pp. 1-26.

² https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14622-Digital-Fairness-Act_en.

³ Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the application of Regulation (EU) 2017/2394 of the European Parliament and of the Council on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws, COM(2024)311 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52024DC0311>.

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 October 2022 on a Single Market for Digital Services and amending Directive 2000/31/EC (Digital Services Act), OJ L 277, 27.10.2022, pp. 1-102.