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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The protection of minors, as well as the safeguarding of consumers online, are priorities for the European Commission. Of the 14 ongoing proceedings under the Digital Services Act (DSA)¹, eight relate to the protection of minors and two to risks on online marketplaces.

On 18 June 2025, the Commission addressed preliminary findings to AliExpress for potential infringements of the DSA for the dissemination of illegal goods and accepted binding commitments addressing other, related, concerns. On 28 July 2025, the Commission also addressed preliminary findings to Temu for potential infringements concerning the dissemination of illegal products. Both investigations are ongoing.

The Commission's investigations into AliExpress and Temu under the DSA largely pre-date the detection of child-like sex dolls on e-commerce platforms in France and are broader in scope. In June 2024 and February 2025, the Commission sent requests for information to Shein, including concerning the presence of illegal products on its marketplace.

Regarding the recent findings of the sale of child-like sex dolls on e-commerce platforms such as Shein, the Commission welcomes the French authorities' actions and is in contact with them. On 26 November 2025, the Commission sent a request for information to Shein as the Commission suspects that Shein's systems may pose a systemic risk to consumers across the EU.

The Commission is actively monitoring all very large online marketplaces and is pushing ahead with all open DSA proceedings at full capacity, ensuring that due process is respected.

The Commission currently employs 183 persons for DSA enforcement across integrated, overlapping teams. As risks under the DSA are closely interconnected, staff are not assigned exclusively to specific enforcement categories.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2022/2065/oj/eng>.