

LightingEurope calls for reinforced market surveillance

LightingEurope stresses the utmost importance of market surveillance, as the European Parliament's Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee holds a very important vote today on the so-called 'Goods Package'.

"Our members are concerned about the increasing number of non-compliant, dangerous products that consumers can find on the EU market. Market surveillance authorities have a very difficult task in enforcing EU rules, we salute their hard work and fully support initiatives that will reinforce their capacity to remove non-compliant products and pursue those who offer them. The lighting industry suffers from the limited capacity to enforce EU product rules, especially in the context of products sold online", said Ourania Georgoutsakou, Secretary General of LightingEurope.

Failure to address non-compliance puts consumers' safety at risk, creates additional cost for consumers and authorities and ultimately has an impact on jobs and European competitiveness. "We need to make sure EU rules are simple for all companies to understand and to apply and are easily enforceable by national authorities", she added.

LightingEurope has already published a detailed [Position on the proposed Regulation on rules and procedures for the compliance with and the enforcement of Union harmonisation legislation on products](#)

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