



Ensuring safer and fairer markets

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Low Voltage Directive

Based on the New Approach and the NLF:

- **A high level of protection and free movement in the EU**
- **Essential requirements**
- **More than 700 voluntary harmonised standards**
- **Self-declaration of conformity**
- **CE marking**

"Deepening the internal market"

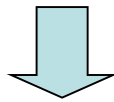
LVD and EMC Working Party

- **Interpretation issues**
- **Standardisation issues**
- **Enforcement issues**

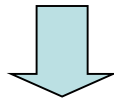
Evaluation of the LVD in 2018

- **Fit for purpose?**
- **Digitisation ?**

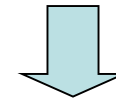
Differences in enforcement in MS



**Non conforming
products on the market**



**Lack of trust
into CE marking**



Unequal treatment



**Distortion of
competition**

Market surveillance -challenges

- **Supply chains becoming very complex**
- **Operators established outside the EU**
- **Direct purchases by consumers through the internet**
- **Lack of resources**



Market Surveillance

Where do we come from, where do we go

- **..a Member State competence**
- **Cooperation of MS in sectorial ADCOs**
- **Regulation 765/2008 – an important step**
- **2013 Commission Proposal on a Product Safety and Market Surveillance package**
- **2015 Single Market Strategy**
- **Initiative on Enforcement and Compliance (2017?)**

Market Surveillance tools

- **Cooperation: ADCOs, Horizontal ADCO, Expert Group on Internal Market for Products (IMP)**
- **Market surveillance programmes**
- **Joint market surveillance actions**
- **Information exchange systems: RAPEX, ICSMS**
- **Safeguard clause procedure**

Promoting access to third country markets I

- **Promoting Free Trade at multilateral level**
- **Bilateral Free Trade Agreements**
 - [US]
 - Mercosur
 - Mexico
 - Japan
 - Asia
 - **Already in force: Korea and Singapore**
- **European Neighbourhood Policy**

Eastern Europe and Mediterranean Countries
- **Industrial and Regulatory Dialogues**

China, US, Brazil, India, Japan

Promoting access to third country markets II

Tariffs

Rules of Origin

"TBTs" – technical barriers to trade

- **Standardisation**
- **Conformity Assessment**

IPR protection

Further information:

http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/electrical-engineering_en

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

https://ec.europa.eu/growth/industry/international-aspects_en