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### EUROPEAN COMMISSION WELCOMES AGREEMENT ON ITS PROPOSAL TO STRENGTHEN CONTROLS OF PRODUCTS

On 7 February 2019, the European Parliament and Council reached a provisional agreement on the Regulation laying down rules and procedures for compliance with and enforcement of Union harmonization legislation on products (the '**Regulation on Market Surveillance and Compliance**').

The scope of the new regulation also encompasses medical devices (in so far as the Medical Device Regulation (Regulation 2017/746) does not contain specific provision with the same objective).

Actions against unsafe or illegal products can only be effective when authorities work together and share information. The Regulation on Market Surveillance and Compliance will therefore intensify sharing of information about illegal products and ongoing investigations so that authorities can take effective and rapid action against illegal products (including illegal medical devices). It will also help national authorities to improve checks on products entering the EU market and strengthen controls at the external borders.

The Regulation on Market Surveillance and Compliance is part of a package of [measures on safe products](#) in the Single Market proposed by the European Commission in December 2017. Once formally approved by the European Parliament and Council, the Regulation will start to apply in 2021.


The proposal for the Regulation and the accompanying Staff Working Documents are available via [this link](#). No final text as agreed between the European Parliament and the Council is available yet. We will forward this to you as soon as this becomes publicly available.

More general information on market surveillance for products can be found at the [DG GROW website](#).

We hope this information is useful. You should not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or require further information.

Kind regards,

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