

# Market Surveillance of non-food products in Malta

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# History

- Set up 1st February 2008
- Taken over responsibilities previously under the Consumer and Competition Division and the Market Surveillance Directorate within the Economic Policy Division
- Currently employing 5 persons

# What is Market Surveillance and Why?

## Necessary

- For more confidence in the market
- Because of unfair market competition
- Increased harmonization in Europe
- Ensure independence and comparison in control

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# What is Market Surveillance and Why?

One simple task:

- Ensure that producers and distributors comply with their obligations

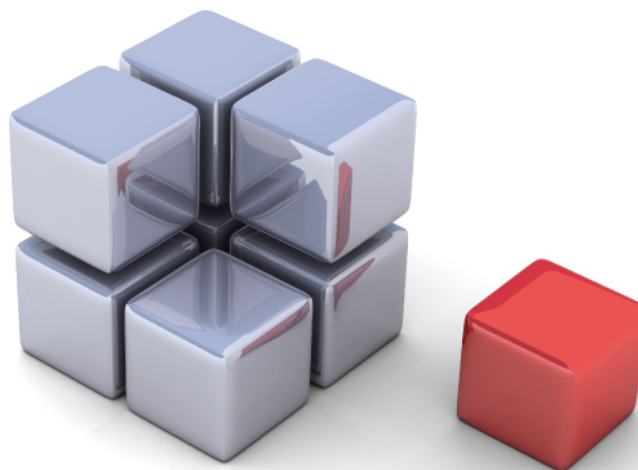
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# What obligations?

Producers/Importers shall:

- place only safe products on the market
- use 'harmonized' standards which give presumption of conformity
- provide relevant information to enable consumers to assess the risks inherent in a product
- adopt measures to enable them to be informed of risks and take appropriate actions



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# What is it?

- A Rapid Alert system operated by the European Commission
- MS identifying a product posing serious risk are bound to notify the product to other MS
- MS are bound to take action on the products notified.

http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/dyna/rapex/rapex\_archives\_en.cfm

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the RAPEX website. The address bar shows the URL: [http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/dyna/rapex/rapex\\_archives\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/dyna/rapex/rapex_archives_en.cfm). The browser title is "EUROPA - Consumer Affairs - Safe Products - Windows Internet Explorer". The website header includes the European Union flag and the text "Consumer Affairs" with a language dropdown set to "English". A navigation menu lists various categories: Strategy and programmes, Safety, Rights, Enforcement, Redress, Consumer empowerment, Cosmetics, and Medical devices. The main content area is titled "RAPEX - Latest notifications" and contains a detailed description of the RAPEX system, its purpose, and a "NEW" section with enforcement information. A sidebar on the right offers a "printable version" and lists "Media" (Speeches, Press releases, Events, Campaigns, Publications), "Key Documents" (Consultations, Reports, Eurobarometers), and "Quick Links" (ADR, ECC-Net, Latest product warnings (RAPEX), National consumer organisations).

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Year - Week	No. Ref.	Notifying country	Product (Click on the photo to enlarge)	Danger	Measures adopted by notifying country	Products were found and measures were taken also in:
2010 - 41	21 1537/10	MALTA	<p>Category: Toys</p> <p>Product: Tricycle - Tough Trikes</p> <p>Brand: Fisher Price</p> <p>Type/number of model: B8775 (2005)</p> <p>Description: Tricycle for toddlers in plastic.</p> <p>Country of origin: Mexico</p> 	<p>Injuries</p> <p>The product poses a risk of injuries because a child can strike, sit or fall on the protruding plastic ignition key.</p>	<p>Voluntary recall from consumers and corrective actions taken by the manufacturer.</p>	

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	2009 - 50	6 1659/09	Hungary	<p>Category: Toys Product: Wooden toy</p> <p>Brand: Gulliver Type/number of model: TS14906; 124220026, barcode: 5 999030 200274</p> <p>Description: Wooden toy set consisting of zoo figures (10 various animals, 6 fence elements, 1 gate with inscription "ZOO") inserted in a wooden plate. The elements are painted, while the wooden plate is not. Dimension of the wooden plate: approximately 20 x 22 x 2.2 cm.</p> <p>Country of origin: China</p>  	<p>Choking</p> <p>The product poses a risk of choking because three animal figures fit entirely into the small parts cylinder.</p> <p>The products do not comply with the Toys Directive and with the relevant European standard EN 71.</p>	<p>Withdrawal from the market and recall from consumers ordered by the authorities.</p>		
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# If in doubt contact us

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**Welcome To Market Surveillance**

As of 1st February 2008, the Market Surveillance Directorate within the Malta Standards Authority has taken over the operations previously falling under the remit of the Consumer and Competition Division and the Market Surveillance Directorate within the Economic Policy Division.

**What is Market Surveillance?**

Market Surveillance is concerned with the safety of products used by people during the course of their life and can be divided into the following areas:

- **children** (e.g. safety of toys, playground equipment and other items used by children)
- **domestic and occupational** (e.g. fire safety of electrical appliances, safety of DIY tools and communication equipment and safe use of domestic chemicals, safety of lifts)
- **recreation** (e.g. safety of engines used on recreational craft, media equipment and equipment used in amusement parks)
- **personal care** (e.g. safety of cosmetics and tattoo dyes)
- **industry** (e.g. safety of machinery, pesticides and fireworks)

At the moment the Directorate is undergoing a capacity building exercise to enable it to provide a reliable service. More on the Directorate will be given shortly.

**RAPEX Contact Point**

The Market Surveillance Directorate in Malta is the contact point for RAPEX. View contacts [here](#).

Market Surveillance - Testing Lab Video [Download](#) (.wmv)

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# Thank you for your attention

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