Question for written answer E-005110/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Rachida Dati (PPE)

Subject: Toys made in China

According to the annual report from RAPEX (Rapid Alert System for dangerous non-food products), 64% of products detected as dangerous are made in China. More worrying still, toys account for one-quarter of dangerous products listed in 2014.

Children as an age group are especially prone to accidents in the home. The large proportion of toys among the dangerous products is serious cause for concern. Suitable measures are necessary to reduce the proportion of goods which are dangerous, especially those coming into direct contact with children.

The situation has not improved since RAPEX was set up in 2003. The number of notifications is rising steadily, and China remains the primary country of origin for products classed as dangerous. These products may cause serious harm to health, ranging from physical injuries to chemical poisoning or suffocation.

In this worrying situation for European families, what is the European Commission going to do to encourage the Chinese authorities to strengthen their laws and inspections, to make products made in China safer?

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