

**Question for written answer E-005111/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Withdrawal of poor-quality child car seats from the internal market

Every year European automobile clubs publish at least one comparative test of children's car seats, and one such survey was conducted in December 2014 by the Croatian Automobile Club (CAC). In this survey, out of 11 products intended for different weight groups no less than six failed the test and received the lowest possible mark. It is an alarming and disconcerting piece of information because car seats, regardless of their price, should primarily serve to protect children.

According to the Commission's Implementing Directive 2014/37/EU of 27 February 2014 amending Council Directive 91/671/EEC relating to the compulsory use of safety belts and child restraint systems in vehicles, Member States are adopting laws and regulations needed for compliance with this Directive in order to include the use of child safety restraint systems conforming to the technical requirements of UNECE Regulation 129.

Croatia has also implemented the Ordinance on amendments to the Ordinance on technical requirements for vehicles in road traffic, but there are still products on the (child car seat) market that, according to the above recent studies, do not meet the prescribed technical and security requirements, which significantly increases the risk for the health and safety of children.

Can the Commission act more effectively in monitoring and withdrawal of low-quality products from the internal market? Are there any uniform criteria and mechanisms that would enable effective detection of low-quality car seats and their simultaneous withdrawal from the entire European market?