

**Question for written answer E-003090/2018
to the Commission**
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Subject: Improving the safety of products sold online

European consumers are now living in a digital age, with a growing number of transactions being made online. However, some of the products bought online could be in violation of EU product safety laws and even elude the controls of market surveillance authorities, therefore posing a significant threat to consumer health. Moreover, most Member States lack dedicated strategies for tackling this problem or are in the process of developing frameworks for the surveillance of online sales.

In July 2017, the Commission issued guidelines on how to support national market surveillance authorities in ensuring better control of products sold online. Nevertheless, there remains room for improvement as the guidelines are not binding on Member States.

What additional steps does the Commission envisage in order to improve the safety of products sold online?