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to the Commission**

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Subject: Scope of goods package

In 2017 alone, Member States submitted more than 2 000 notifications of dangerous products failing to meet EU safety requirements to the EU's Rapid Alert System for Dangerous Non-Food Products (RAPEX). This figure, however, is only the tip of the iceberg as less than 1 % of all such goods imported into or placed on the market in the EU are checked by the authorities. Non-compliance endangers the environment and consumers' health and safety, and has detrimental effects on fair competition.

The compliance and enforcement proposal put forward by the Commission in December 2017 and recently agreed on by the legislators only covers certain categories of harmonised products. A whole range of potentially dangerous products, such as childcare articles, lighters, sports equipment or furniture, will remain subject to the current ineffective set of rules. Moreover, the dichotomy between harmonised and non-harmonised products will leave the national authorities with a more complex and fragmented framework to apply.

The fact that the product safety and market surveillance package has been blocked since 2015 while the compliance and enforcement proposal is limited to harmonised products leaves in suspense the critical need to create an appropriate framework for potentially dangerous products. In this respect, what measures does the Commission intend to put forward in order to protect European consumers from unsafe or non-compliant non-harmonised products?