



DIRECTORATE GENERAL INTERNAL POLICIES OF THE UNION
Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

Chair: Arlene McCARTHY

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**Mini Hearing of the
Committee on Internal Market and Consumer Protection**

THE PLACING ON THE MARKET OF PYROTECHNIC ARTICLES

ASP 3G3

Tuesday, 21 March 2006 from 11h00 to 12h45

Rapporteur: Joel HASSE FERREIRA

- 11h00 Opening by the Chair, Ms Arlene McCARTHY
- 11h05 Opening Statement by the Rapporteur, Mr Joel HASSE FERREIRA

PANEL DEBATE

SESSION 1:

Ensuring the free movement of pyrotechnic products within the EU

- 11h10 The point of view of the fireworks industry
Presentation by Mr Frans ARNTZ - Presiding Chairman, EUFIAS (European Fireworks Association), The Netherlands
- 11h20 Pyrotechnic substances used to activate devices in motor vehicles, the point of view
of the automotive suppliers industry
Presentation by Mr Klaus PILATUS, Dipl. Ing. (TU), Autoliv B.V & Co.KG,
Germany

SESSION 2:

Harmonising the safety requirements applicable in the Member States via standards

11h30 Presentation by Guido DE JONGH, Project Manager, Standards development (STDDEV), Brussels

SESSION 3:

Improving the overall protection of consumers and professionals

11h40 Presentation by Jorge MORGADO - DECO, Consumer organisation, Portugal

11h50 - 12h30

SESSION 4:

General Debate:

Questions and answers from Members and interventions from the floor

12h30 Closing remarks by the Rapporteur and the Chair

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Special guests invited for the hearing

- Mr Maik SCHMAHL - Commission representative
Ms Laurence J. CORDIER - Commission representative
- Mr Bryan CASSIDY - European Economic and Social Committee, Rapporteur
- Council Representative - Presidency-in-Office
- Mr Lutz KURTH, Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing (BAM),
Germany
- Martin GUEST, British Fireworks Industry (manufacturers and imorters), UK
- Mr Johannes ZIMMERMANN - Export Sales Director, WECO Pyrotechnische Fabrik
GmbH, Germany
- Mr Louis Sylvain AYRAL - Technical Director, CLEPA (European Association of
Automotive Suppliers), Brussels
- Mr Andreas SEEBERG - TAKATA, Risk Prevention Pyrotechnics - Safety &
Environment, Germany
- Dr. Amin STARK TRW - Airbag Systems GmbH, Germany
- Mr Georg ALEF - Technical Speaker of VPI (Verband der pyrotechnischen Industrie),
Germany
- Mr Heinz SWART - Technical Speaker of VPI (Verband der pyrotechnischen Industrie),
Germany