

## **PROGRAMME**

### **Public Hearing**

#### **Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection**

### **The Goods Package**

**21 March 2018 from 14h30 to 16h30**

**European Parliament, Brussels**

**Venue details: JAN Building (JAN 4Q1)**

#### **14h30 - 14h45    Opening remarks**

- *IMCO Chairman*
- *IMCO Rapporteurs*
- *European Commission*

#### **14h45 - 15h05    Panel discussion 1: Member States' experiences with the administration of the current goods framework**

*What challenges do you see with the current goods framework, in particular the Mutual Recognition Regulation and the Market Surveillance Regulation of 2008? Which elements of the existing legislation work and/or don't work? What would*

*you like to see incorporated to strengthen the legislation? Are there any particular essential elements missing in the new proposals?*

Speakers:

- **Mr Tanguy LAHRER**, Acting Head of division for standardisation, products regulation and metrology, Head of unit for products regulation, France
- **Mr Jonas WESTER**, Internal Market Attaché, Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU
- **Mr Jan HAVLIK**, Director of Department of European Affairs and Internal Market, Ministry of Industry and Trade of Czech Republic

**15h05 - 15h20      Panel discussion 2: Practical challenges with products entering EU from third countries**

*Practically speaking, how are goods handled at the Port of Antwerp? Which challenges do you see with regards to the products entering the EU from third countries? For the Port, what would be the best way to strike a balance between providing services for economic operators and cooperating with customs authorities and market surveillance institutions to be able to better spot non-compliant products already at the Port?*

*What is the role of customs authorities in tackling non-compliant products from outside the EU? What existing legal instruments address the challenges with rogue traders and what could be done better? How do you envisage better cooperation with market surveillance authorities?*

Speakers:

- **Ms Kristin VAN KESTEREN-STEFAN**, Senior Advisor for Trade Facilitation, Port of Antwerp
- **Mr Giovanni KESSLER**, Director of the Customs Agency of Italy

**15h20 - 15h35      Panel discussion 3: Presentation of the new problem solving procedure, including the use of SOLVIT network**

*What is the background for developing a new problem solving procedure? How will the procedure work? What is the link to SOLVIT and the SOLVIT network?*

*How is SOLVIT operating in practice and what daily challenges is SOLVIT facing when dealing with business cases? Are there any typical SOLVIT cases in the area of mutual recognition of goods?*

Speakers:

- *Ms Anoushka JANSSENS, SOLVIT team leader, European Commission*
- *Ms Lore AERTS, Belgian SOLVIT Centre*

**15h35 - 15h55      Panel discussion 4: Business perspective**

*From your organisation perspective, what are your members' experience with the current legislation on goods? What are the key elements of the proposals needed to tackle both administrative and regulatory barriers? Should other essential elements have been included?*

Speakers:

- *Mr Martynas BARYSAS, Director of Internal Market Department, Business Europe*
- *Mr Ilya BRUGGEMAN, Adviser on Single Market, EuroCommerce*
- *Mr Philippe PORTALIER, Director, Internal Market and Standardisation, Orgalime*

**15h55 - 16h15      Panel discussion 5: Impact on consumers**

*From your organisation perspective, what are your members' experience with the current legislation on goods? What could be done better to ensure that consumers get only safe and compliant products on the EU market?*

Speakers:

- *Ms Monique GOYENS, Director-General, BEUC*

- *Mr Michael CASSAR, Director of the Market Surveillance Department in the Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority, Chairman of PROSAFE*
- *Mr Claudio Bergonzi, Secretary General, INDICAM*

**16h15 - 16h30    Closing remarks**

- *European Commission*
- *IMCO Rapporteurs*
- *IMCO Chairman*