



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

Chair: Arlene McCARTHY

**PROGRAMME**  
**Public Hearing**  
of the  
**Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection**

***Safety of Toys***

Monday, 23 June 2008 from 15.00 to 18.30  
**European Parliament, Brussels**  
**Room: ASP 3-G-3**

Rapporteur: Mrs Marianne Thyssen

**15.00 - 15.10 Opening session**

- Opening by the Chair, Arlene McCARTHY
- Opening statement by the Rapporteur, Marianne THYSSEN

**15.10 - 16.10: Session I**

**Revision of the Directive on safety of toys: Are we going in the right direction from a consumer and industry point of view?**

**15.10 - 15.20   Mrs. Tania Vandenberghe, programme officer ANEC (The European Association for the Coordination of Consumer Representation in Standardisation) and**

is invited to present consumer views on the revised directive on safety of toys. The consumer organisations ANEC and BEUC want to strengthen the proposal further as regards e.g. chemicals, third party testing, requirements for warnings etc.

**15.20 - 15.30   Mrs. Laura Degallaix, Environment and Safety Officer (BEUC)**

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15.30 - 15.40 **Christian Iversen, Chairman TIE (Toy Industries of Europe), Executive Vice President, Corporate Center, LEGO.**

is invited to present the industries view of the pros and cons of the revised toys directive from an industry point of view. The challenge of securing safe products, but not to over-regulate, so small firms will have difficulties in entering and staying on the market.

15.40 - 15.50 **Robert Podleś, Polskie Stowarzyszenie Branży Zabawek i Artykułów Dziecięcych (Polish Toy Association)**

is invited to present the industries view of the pros and cons of the revised toys directive from an industry point of view. The challenge of securing safe products, but not to over-regulate, so small firms will have difficulties in entering and staying on the market.

15.50 - 16.20 ***Questions & Answers by Members in the presence of the Commission (Pedro Ortun, Director, DG Enterprise)***

**16.20 - 17.45: Session II:**

<b>How to detect dangerous toys in the future? The enforcement of the Directive on safety of toys</b>
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position paper **Dirk Meijer, Dutch food and product safety authority (VWA) (Market Surveillance Authority)**

is invited to discuss the challenges of detecting dangerous toys and to discuss how to prevent dangerous toys entering the European market. The representative could furthermore discuss the pros and cons of the revised Directive on safety of toys, from the VWA point of view.

16.20 - 16.30 **Christian Gicklhorn, TÜV Rheinland (certification and accreditation organisation)**

is invited to present and discuss the challenges with testing and certifying toys, especially as regards potentially dangerous toys. The representative could furthermore discuss the pros and cons of the revised Directive on safety of toys, from the TÜV Rheinland point of view.

Mr Gicklhorn will be accompanied by **Mr Frank Jüttner** (TÜV Rheinland Hong Kong). Mr Jüttner will answer questions on testing toys in China.

16.30 - 16.40 **Mr Daniel Bral, Colruyt NV.**

is invited to discuss the challenges of detecting dangerous toys in their position in the supply chain of toys.

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**17.40 - 17.45 Summary and closing statement**

- Rapporteur Marianne THYSSEN
- Arlene McCARTHY, Chair