In accordance with Directive 2001/95/EC on general product safety (GPSD)\(^1\), all products placed on the EU market must be safe. It is the obligation of producers to place only safe products on the market and of national market surveillance authorities to ensure that this obligation is fulfilled. According to Article 2(a), the GPSD also applies to products that are supplied or made available to consumers in the context of a service when the product is to be used by them.

Under certain conditions, references to voluntary standards can be published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU), which then gives presumption of safety for products complying with those standards as far as the risks covered by them are concerned. Standards EN 1176 and EN 1177 are not referenced in the OJEU and for the time being products compliant with them do not benefit from presumption of safety. However, in the sense of Article 3(3) of the GPSD, those standards can be taken into account by national authorities as a benchmark when assessing if a product complies with the general safety requirement.

Standards EN1176 and EN1177 are drawn up by the European Committee for Standardisation–CEN\(^2\) that can provide more information regarding the update of their current versions.

While the GPSD provides provisions concerning the safety of the products placed on the EU market, the maintenance work of the playground equipment necessary to ensure its safety falls under the responsibility of the economic operator in charge of managing the playground and is subject to national rules.

The revision of the GPSD is currently ongoing and it will further strengthen obligations and safeguards concerning the products falling under its scope of application.

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\(^2\) [https://www.cencenelec.eu/](https://www.cencenelec.eu/)