

**Question for written answer E-000863/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Online traders from non-EU countries – Question 1 of 4

Around 900 000 parcels and packages are imported into the Union from non-EU countries each day. Most contain items that do not comply with statutory requirements. This puts consumers at risk due to numerous safety deficiencies. It is difficult to put a number on the scale of the issue, but to give an idea, the EU toys industry found deficiencies in 18 out of 19 toys tested. EU product safety regulations are not being complied with.

1. What does the Commission intend to do to protect consumers in EU Member States, in particular children, from dangerous products from non-EU countries?
2. What is the Commission's estimate of the damage that has so far been caused by the fact that manufacturers from non-EU countries are manufacturing products to completely different standards and that EU manufacturers are being severely disadvantaged?
3. How does the Commission intend to correct this distortion of competition and ensure sufficient and adequate market surveillance in the future?

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