

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0009/08

pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure

by Arlene McCarthy, on behalf of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
to the Commission

Subject: Safety marking on consumer products

In the framework of the Goods package, questions were raised with regard to the scope of the existing CE-marking and the possible role markings can play in enhancing consumer information on product safety. Whereas members agreed that the role of a possible consumer marking cannot be assumed by the existing CE-marking, they do agree that there is a need for more information about the feasibility and the possible impact of an additional marking. The Parliament therefore requests the Commission:

1. to examine the concept of a supplementary marking aiming at enhancing consumer information on product safety;
2. to carry out an in-depth study in order to clarify the feasibility, the possible benefits and the potential drawbacks of such a marking for all the stakeholders;
3. to examine the possibilities for reinforcing the credibility of the CE-marking, in particular through measures for stronger customs controls inside and outside the EU.

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