

EN  
P-002385/2024  
Answer given by Mr McGrath  
on behalf of the European Commission  
(8.1.2025)

The Commission recognises that businesses, particularly small and medium enterprises (SMEs), may face challenges in implementing their new obligations stemming from EU legislation, like the ones set out in the General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR)<sup>1</sup>. In case of the GPSR, the Commission is committed in supporting their compliance, through the provision of general information on the GPSR. To help SMEs find the guidance they may need, they can consult the information available on the European Commission's website where a Q&A section is dedicated to the GPSR<sup>2</sup>, as well as the recording of the GPSR session provided during the International Product Safety Week 2024<sup>3</sup>. These resources are continuously updated and provide valuable guidance on the GPSR.

Additionally, the Commission is developing specific guidelines<sup>4</sup> and communication campaigns. The objective of the GPSR guidelines is to help businesses to better understand their obligations in a practical, easily understandable and accessible way.

To ensure that these objectives are met, the Commission actively engaged with SMEs, including the ones taking the role of providers of online marketplaces, notably during the SME Sounding Board which took place on 7 November 2024. The input received during this meeting will now be integrated to the guidelines, before their publication. The Commission is committed to publishing the guidelines as soon as possible to align with the GPSR's date of application and ease the transition for SMEs.

In addition, the Commission also engages with other stakeholder groups, including those that represent online sellers and providers of online marketplaces, to ensure that all actors understand their new obligations and that they will apply them from 13 December 2024.

---

<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2023/988 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 on general product safety, OJ L 135, 23.5.2023, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/988/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/safety-gate/#/screen/pages/obligationsForBusinesses>

<sup>3</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/safety-gate/#/screen/pages/safetyWeek2024>

<sup>4</sup> Cf. Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2023/988.