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Subject: Product safety in the Single Market

Protecting the health and safety of citizens is an absolute priority for all European institutions. The outbreak of the pandemic has increased demand for protective medical equipment, such as masks. Participating in an exchange of views with members of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO), Didier Reynders, the Commissioner for Justice, said that eight Member States had reported more than 7 million unsafe masks via the RAPEX system, which were subsequently recalled from the Single Market. In the light of this:

1. Precisely which Member States reported unsafe masks via the RAPEX system, as Commissioner Reynders said?

2. Where were these masks produced?

3. What is the simplest way for consumers to identify a mask that falls short of safety standards?