

**Priority question for written answer P-003501/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Toy Safety Directive

The Toy Safety Directive aims to protect children from dangerous toys and to promote healthy and fair competition among European businesses through the harmonisation of rules. Unfortunately, toy manufacturers, especially outside Europe, continue to evade the requirements laid down in European legislation and export to the single market dangerous products which are aimed at children. A law which is not enforced can quickly become a dead letter.

In light of the above, I would like to ask the following:

1. What tools does the Commission intend to use to strengthen surveillance of the toy market in Europe so as to effectively protect the market from rogue traders?
2. Is the Commission aware of preparations undertaken by Member States pursuant to Articles 10 and 13 of the Regulation on market surveillance and product conformity?
3. Does the Commission plan, and if so when, to introduce the same chemical standards for non-toy products with which children often come into contact and to which they are equally or even more exposed, such as clothes and bedding?