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## Orgalime comments on EP IMCO report on the General Product Safety Directive and Market Surveillance

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As stated in our position paper of 6 December 2010, Orgalime welcomes the European Parliament's initiative to make an own initiative report and opinion on the revision of the General Product Safety Directive and market surveillance, given the importance that the lawful marketing of safe consumer products represents for the industries Orgalime represents, the overwhelming majority of which are SMEs.

### We particularly welcome the following amendments:

- **IMCO n°27:** For a peer review procedure of the market surveillance system,
- **IMCO n°37:** Delete the call for an alignment of the obligations of market operators in the GPSD with those of the NLF,
- **IMCO n°39:** Delete call for alignment of traceability requirements in GPSD and the NLF
- **IMCO n°41:** Uniformity of safety level and traceability system
- **IMCO n°42:** Delete inclusion of a definition of child-appealing
- **IMCO n°48:** Risk analysis in the design phase
- **IMCO n°50:** More effective regulatory framework
- **IMCO n°56:** Call for respect of the confidentiality of commercial information
- **IMCO n°58:** Access to all non-confidential information for business groups too
- **IMCO n°66:** Awareness-raising campaigns against purchasing counterfeits
- **IMCO n°69:** Process of standard development
- **IMCO n°70:** Delete paragraph introducing a Parliament's scrutiny on standards development
- **IMCO n°74:** Limitation of role of standardisation
- **ITRE n°6:** yes to improved traceability without increase of administrative burden

### We also support the following amendments:

- **IMCO n°1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35, 44, 45, 46, 47, 51, 52, 54, 55, 62, 64, 65,** and **ITRE n°2, 3, 8, 10, 11.**

### Besides, we firmly call on for the rejection of amendments:

- **ITRE n°7,** which stresses the need for a definition of child-appealing products in the GPSD;
- **IMCO n°67,** which deletes need for Member States to participate in standard development;

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Orgalime, the European Engineering Industries Association, speaks for 32 trade federations representing some 130,000 companies in the mechanical, electrical, electronic, metalworking & metal articles industries of 22 European countries. The industry employs some 10.6 million people in the EU and in 2009 accounted for some €1,427 billion of annual output. The industry not only represents more than one quarter of the output of manufactured products but also a third of the manufactured exports of the European Union.