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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF
DIRECTIVE 2001/95/EC ON GENERAL PRODUCT SAFETY**

BRUSSELS – 28 FEBRUARY 2008

Introduction

The meeting was chaired by Mr Stefano Soro, Head of Unit 'Product and Service Safety'.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without changes. The adopted agenda is attached as Annex 1.

The attendance list is attached as Annex 2.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous meetings

The draft minutes of meeting of 31 January 2008 were adopted without changes. The adopted minutes are attached as Annex 3.

Implementation and application of the General Product Safety Directive

3. Measure proposed under Article 13 of the GPSD: Warnings on magnetic toys

The Commission presented the Draft Commission Decision requiring Member States to ensure that magnetic toys placed or made available on the market display a warning about the health and safety risks they pose. The Commission opened the floor for a final exchange of views on the draft text which took into account earlier comments from the Member States regarding in particular the scope and the transitional period.

Observers were asked to leave the room for the vote. 24 Member States voted in favour of the draft Commission Decision as it had been sent to the Committee, one Member State voted against, one Member State abstained and one Member State was not present in the meeting. In addition, Spain provided the following declaration: "Spain considers this measure as temporary to reduce immediately the risk posed by these toys and adopt an harmonized measure at the European level, in view of the fact that in the permanent measure, which is currently being discussed, Spain considers that accidents due to this type of toys must be taken into account in order to establish age limits according to the age of injured children."

4. Consumer-Markets Scoreboard

The Commission presented a status update on the Consumer-Markets Scoreboard and introduced a draft discussion paper, which serves as a basis for the discussion on enforcement indicators. The Commission invited the Member States to share the data they already have in terms of market surveillance organisation and/or efficiency and to send their comments on the proposed draft indicators.

5. RAPEX Annual Report and related Media Event

The Commission gave a presentation on the RAPEX statistic for year 2007. The complete statistics are part of the 2007 RAPEX Annual Report which will be published by Commissioner Kuneva during the media event on 17 April 2008 and therefore under embargo until this date.

The Commission presented the scope of the 2007 RAPEX Annual Report and indicated that the following were for the first time included in the report: statistics on RAPEX reactions and cooperation with DG TAXUD and customs authorities.

The Commission thanked the Member States for providing samples of dangerous products to be used during the upcoming media event. The Member States were encouraged to bring more samples to the next RAPEX Contact Point meeting on 14 March 2008.

6. Improvement of the RAPEX Risk Assessment Guidelines

The Commission presented the state of play and way forward of the improved RAPEX Risk Assessment Guidelines and proposed to organise an extended meeting of the Working Group that had developed the Guidelines, in order to peer review and agree on them before the public consultation. The Commission strongly encouraged all Member States to participate in the extended meeting and announced 2 April 2008 as a tentative date for it (invitations will follow).

Standardisation

7. Fire-safety of cigarettes

The Commission presented the state of play on the draft mandate to CEN for the fire-safety of cigarettes and opened the floor for discussion and exchange of views. The Commission encouraged the Member States to involve their national standardisation bodies in the discussion.

8. Baby walkers

The Commission informed the Member States on procedural issues for referencing standard EN 1273 in Official Journal. Following advice by the Commission's Legal Service, a formal vote of the Committee will be necessary to formally assess the conformity of the standard with the essential safe requirement. This issue will be put on the Agenda of the June meeting for discussion. The Commission invited the Member States to provide input via CIRCA in advance.

International issues

9. Feedback from last ICPSC and ICPHSO meetings

The Commission gave feedback from the last ICPSC and ICPHSO meetings that took place in Washington from 18 to 21 February 2008. The Commission announced that the next meetings will be held during the Product Safety Week in November 2008 in Brussels.

The Commission invited the Member States to subscribe and to contribute to the monthly newsletter of ICPSC.

Miscellaneous

The observers were asked to leave the room.

10. Joint actions on luminaries and cord extension sets

The Commission presented the preliminary results of the two joint actions on electrical appliances: one on luminaries and one on cord extension sets.

11. Adoption of the New Approach Revision Package by the European Parliament (20 February) and the Council

The Commission informed the Member States on the upcoming adoption of the New Legal Framework by the legislators, qualifying the GPSD as a *lex specialis*. The Regulation will enter in force as of 1st January 2010.

Any other business

10. Child-appealing households appliances

The Commission opened the floor for an exchange of views on child-appealing household appliances, and in particular on measures being taken at national level to restrict the marketing of this kind of products and on the type of Commission involvement the Member States would like to see on this issue.

The Commission gave a presentation on the recent RAPEX notifications of child-appealing household appliances and requested Member State views.

11. Exchange of officials

UK enquired on the applications for exchange of officials and said it would be helpful if Prosafe could again coordinate offers.

12. Calendar of major events in 2008

The Commission gave a run-down of the calendar of major events in 2008

- Meeting of RAPEX Contact Points: 14 March 2008
- GPSD Committee and CSN: 12 and 13 June 2008
- IRAG: 2 April 2008 (TBC)
- Meeting of RAPEX Contact Points: 29 October 2008
- GPSD Committee on 13 and 14 November 2008
- Product Safety Week: 17 – 21 November 2008