



Member States overview: Implementation of EU legislation on general product safety

Introduction



If you want to export your products to the EU, they must be safe. 'Unsafe' products may be withdrawn from the market, which may lead to severe financial and reputational damage for your business. The general product safety legislation applies to all consumer products marketed in the EU.

The EU legislation aims to protect consumers' health and safety. The horizontal scope of the legislation laid down in the General Product Safety Directive, GPSD ([2001/95/EC](#)) means that all products are covered unless specific legislation has been drawn up for a particular product or issue. Note, however, that if there are aspects not covered in the specific legislation, the GPSD still applies concerning these aspects.

Furthermore, Member States are responsible for monitoring the products marketed and also have the authority to withdraw a product from the market if it is not considered safe.

Member States implementation

All Member States have implemented the General Product Safety Directive. The Member States' requirements are harmonised with the EU Directive's. The table below gives references to the Member States' implementing legal acts and a link to the relevant national competent authority per Member State.

Related documents



Detailed information on the EU requirements regarding the placing on the market of biocides can be found in the following document:

- EU legislation: general product safety



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How to read the table below

The table below provides an overview of all 27 EU Member States in alphabetical order and their implementation of the EU legislation. This could be:

-  : requirements harmonised according to the present EU legislation or,
-  : deviating requirements, based on former EU legislation or additional to the present EU requirements

For all countries the table provides a reference to the national legislation and a direct link (↔) to the national authority in case more information is needed.

	Austria	
Source:	Product Safety Law 2004 (Original title: Bundesgesetz zum Schutz vor gefährlichen Produkten (Produktsicherheitsgesetz 2004-PSG 2004)) ↔ Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection	