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Parliamentary State Secretary Winkelmeier-Becker: Good market surveillance framework is basis for smooth functioning of the Single Market

As part of Germany's Presidency of the Council of the EU, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy is today holding the virtual EU Market Surveillance Conference.

Ms. Elisabeth Winkelmeier-Becker, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, said: "Under Single Market rules, manufacturers enjoy many freedoms and benefit from rapid market access. These rules benefit manufacturers and consumers alike. However, if non-compliant products are placed on the market, this can pose risks. Unsafe products need to be withdrawn from the market as soon as possible and manufacturers sanctioned accordingly. Only a fully effective EU-wide market surveillance framework can make sure of this. As part of Germany's Presidency of the Council, we are discussing the tighter rules that economic operators and Member States will shortly have to meet, once application of the Regulation on market surveillance begins."

The Presidency and the Commission will join with a large number of representatives from the Member States' market surveillance authorities, European business leaders, consumer protection organisations and entrepreneurs to discuss the current state and the future of market surveillance in the EU.

Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 on market surveillance provides for a considerably stricter and more efficient market surveillance framework, setting out clearer rules, tightening controls and requiring Member States to work even more closely together on withdrawing non-compliant products from the market or ensuring that these are not placed on the market in the first place. This is to help considerably limit dangers for consumers and reduce distortions of competition.

Market surveillance procedures are well-established and have proven their worth over many decades. However, we need to redouble our efforts in order to effectively and efficiently respond to the challenges market surveillance is facing with regard to the growing importance of e-commerce, for example.

The conference serves as a platform to discuss how we can attain our common goal of making the Single Market work even better than in the past.