



Workshop on protecting consumers from unsafe products through import surveillance and cooperation with customs

12 April 2022, Geneva, Switzerland (CEST)

1.00 – 2.30 p.m. on Zoom (English only)

The [United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection](#) recognize consumers' legitimate need to be protected from hazards to their health and safety. The 2020 UNCTAD [Recommendation on preventing cross-border distribution of known unsafe consumer products](#) recommends that Member States pursue policies, consistent with World Trade Organization rules, aimed at preventing cross-border distribution of consumer products known in their own jurisdictions to be unsafe.

Many countries are grappling with the growth in imported consumer products and the resulting challenges to ensuring that products are safe. The realities of global commerce and the increasing complexity of the supply and distribution chains compel countries to focus their attention on a pro-active approach that ensures the safety of products made outside their jurisdictions.

In this workshop, product safety officials from various countries will share their experiences in identifying and stopping unsafe imported products and describe their experience in cooperating with their national customs authorities.

This event is organized within the framework of UNCTAD's [Working Group on Consumer Product Safety](#).

Please register using the following link:

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The Zoom link will be sent to registered participants.

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PROGRAMME

Geneva time (CEST):

1:00 – 1:05

Opening: Ms. Teresa Moreira, Head of Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD

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Moderator: Mr. Arnau Izaguerri, Economic Affairs Officer, Competition and Consumer Policies Branch, UNCTAD

Speakers

- Ms. Sabrina Keller, Deputy Director of Import Surveillance at the Consumer Product Safety Commission, United States of America
- Ms. Katarzyna Bednarz, Director of the Market Surveillance Department at the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection, Poland

2:05 – 2:25

General discussion

2:25 – 2:30

Conclusions by the moderator

Delegates wishing to speak during the session are invited to inform the UNCTAD secretariat accordingly by contacting Mr Arnau Izaguerri (arnau.izaguerri@un.org) and Ms. Ana Cândida Muniz Cipriano (ana.cipriano@un.org).

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