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<p style="text-align: center;">Minutes of 19th Meeting Working Group on Consumer Product Safety, November 22, 2022</p>

The Working Group on Consumer Product Safety (WGPCS) held its nineteenth teleconference on 22 November 2022 (at 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. Geneva time). The objective of the meeting was to discuss the developments in the work plan for the period 2022-2023 until the seventh session of the Intergovernmental group of experts on consumer protection law and policy (July 2023).

Workplan 2022-2023

1. **Practical means for the implementation of the recommendation on preventing the cross-border distribution of known unsafe consumer products**: the WGPCS will discuss a practical means (such as a developing handbook or toolkit) of how to operationalize the recommendation through law/policy reform or using current common legal instruments at national, regional and/or international levels.

The United States volunteered to propose a table of contents for the consideration of the Working Group. Korea expressed interest that the output be also informative for the industry and consumers.

2. **Third Joint EC-UNCTAD workshop on consumer product safety**: was held on 17 November. Recordings are [available](#) for registered participants.

The European Commission thanked participants and panelists. Two panels were organized, the first on the role of consumer associations in product safety and the second on the participation of next generation of young product safety ambassadors. The EC thanked CI for its role in identifying young ambassadors. Mexico thanked the EC and UNCTAD for the invitation to speak.

This item of the work programme is completed.

3. **Workshop on international trade (non-tariff measures) and product safety**: proposed to take place back-to-back to OECD spring meetings. The United States noted that the UNCTAD recommendation (point 1) acknowledges WTO rules, and now is a good opportunity to reach out to trade officials to raise awareness and encourage them to contribute to the implementation of the recommendation.

The next step is to receive a draft concept note from leaders of this activity. Argentina volunteered to participate in the organization of the workshop.



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4. **Workshop on product recalls**: the WGCPs will host an online workshop on how to implement effective product recalls systems at national and regional levels and avenues for international cooperation.

The next step is to receive a draft concept note from leaders of this activity (Colombia, Argentina, Australia, Mexico and USA). Mexico and the United States reiterated interest in drafting a concept note. South Africa supported that the workshop be held between February and April and to increase awareness in the run up to the IGE. Korea proposed to engage with industry (means to incorporate AI and IOT in product recalls).

5. **Other activities**: The European Commission proposed that the Working Group discuss and produce a general recommendation on product safety as a new item of the working group work plan. Argentina, Mexico, the United States and South Africa supported this proposal.

The next meeting of the WGCPs will take place on 14 February 2023.



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19th Meeting – List of Participants		
Name	Organization	Country
Paola Rubín	Sub-secretariat for Consumer Defense	Argentina
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Sarah Elkady	Consumer Protection Agency	Egypt
Eva Sinkovic	European Commission	
Bridget Cosgrave	Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment	Ireland
Jisook Yang	Korean Consumer Agency	Republic of Korea
Juris Bulans	Ministry of Economics	Latvia
Rafael Regla	Federal Attorney for Consumers – PROFECO	Mexico
Rosa Moran, Yvette Sanguinetti	National Institute for the Defence of Free Competition and the Protection of Intellectual Property - INDECOPI	Peru
Ewa Sikorska	Office of Competition and Consumer Protection - UOKiK	Poland
Thezi Mabuza	National Consumer Commission	South Africa
Eleanor Coles	Market Frameworks, Office for Product Safety and Standard - OPSS	United Kingdom
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