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# CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY @ OECD

**Roundtable on Consumer Product Safety**

**UNCTAD IGE, 10 July 2018**

**Geneva**

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# Key projects

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- Measuring and enhancing the impact of product recall effectiveness
- 2018 Global awareness campaigns on the Safety of Products Sold Online
- IoT/AI and product safety
- Review of OECD product safety legal instruments

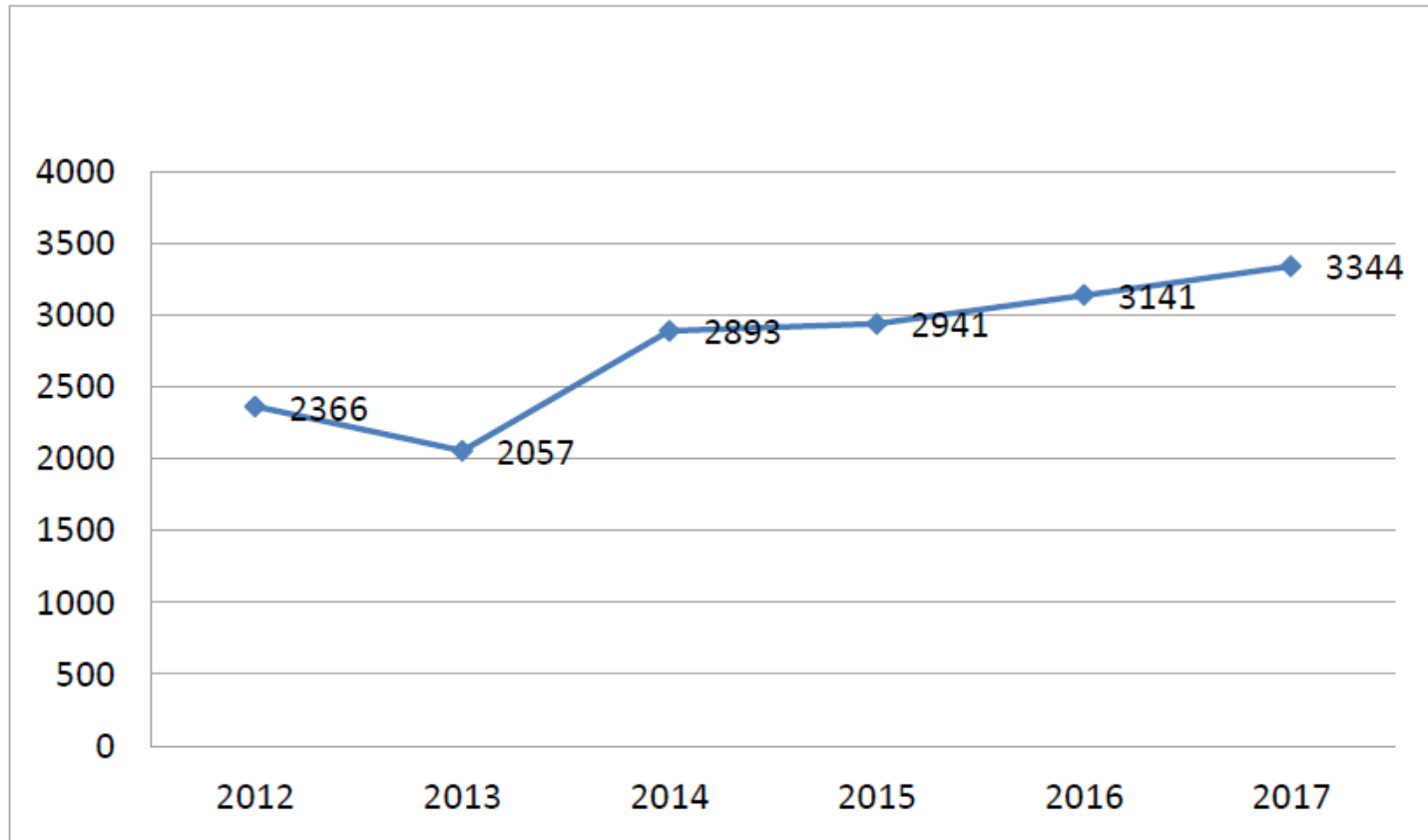


# MEASURING AND ENHANCING THE IMPACT OF PRODUCT RECALL EFFECTIVENESS



# Product recalls continue to grow rapidly

**Figure 2. Number of notifications on the OECD *GlobalRecalls* portal (2012-2017)**





# Workshop – 16 April 2018

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- Draft report [DSTI/CP/CPS(2018)1]
- Scope of discussion
  - Recall effectiveness measurement challenges
  - Role of online platforms
  - Enhancing recall communications: Insights from behavioural economics
- Outside experts: Amazon, IKEA, Samsung, MercadoLibre, KidsInDanger (*eBay* virtually), China's international standardisation institute



# Outcomes and next steps

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- Research on consumers' attitudes toward recalls notices (2018-2019)
- Best practice guidelines on (2019-2020)
  - Ways to frame recall notices
  - Ways to communicate recall notices to consumers
- Automatisation of OECD *GlobalRecalls* portal
  - Recall data on domestic databases to be pushed automatically to the OECD portal
  - Linking of OECD portal and recall databases of other fora (WCO, ASEAN, OAS)



# GLOBAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS





# Furniture tip-overs (November 2017)

For you... a dresser.  
For them... a play structure.

**Anchor it!**


OECD GLOBAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON FURNITURE TIP-OVERS  
6-10 November 2017

[oe.cd/tipovers](http://oe.cd/tipovers)  
[#AnchorIt](https://twitter.com/AnchorIt)




# Safety of the products sold online (Nov. 2018)

**A troll?**  
No, just a girl charging her unsafe hover board bought online.  
**Be smart!** Check our tips for buying SAFE products online.



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**Pop Art?**  
No, just a boy after using some dodgy face paint bought online.  
**Be smart!** Check our tips for buying SAFE products online.




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**Van Gogh?**  
No, just a guy after using an awful phone bought online.  
**Be smart!** Check our tips for buying SAFE products online.



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**A Pirate?**  
No, just a chap after using a terrible laser pointer bought online.  
**Be smart!** Check our tips for buying SAFE products online.



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# IOT/NEW TECHNOLOGIES PROJECT



# CCP/WPCPS contributions

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## Next steps

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- OECD/EC IoT conference (14 Nov. 2018)
- Research and discussion with IoT businesses
- Coordination with other OECD committees developing work on AI and security
- Best practice guidelines for industry



# **REVIEW OF SIX OECD PRODUCT SAFETY LEGAL INSTRUMENTS**



# Background

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- Preliminary assessment (WPCPS 14th and 15th meetings)
  - Only one instrument (1981 Recommendation on product recalls) reviewed by CCP (1990-92)
  - Development of new definitions of key concepts
  - Scope of some instruments to be expanded to address new issues (risk assessment, new technologies, online market surveillance, OECD Global Recalls portal)
  - Structure of Decision-Recommendation on product safety notification measures to be revised
    - New consolidated instrument on consumer product safety



## Next steps

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- Background report and questionnaire
- Report identifying key elements of new consolidated instrument (for discussion at WPCPS Nov. 2018 meeting)
- Development of new instrument (2019-20)





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**Thank you!**

