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European Parliament paves way for stronger rules on toy safety

Today, the European Parliament approved an 'own-initiative report' on safer toys. This report sets out Parliament's expectations for a revision of toy safety law later this year.

Monique Goyens, Director General at The European Consumer Organisation (BEUC), commented:

"It's good to see Parliament call to eliminate the sale of dangerous toys online, and for producers to make connected toys safe and secure by design. We urge the European Commission to follow this call up as it starts its review of toy safety law.

"In addition to Parliament's recommendations for better toy safety, it is important the EU strengthens rules on chemicals by banning endocrine disruptors.

"Parliament can already act to stop dangerous toys from being sold online. Consumer organisations urge MEPs to use ongoing reforms of various EU laws to make online marketplaces, a major source of dangerous products, liable for what they sell."

Stephen Russell, Secretary-General of The European Consumer Voice in Standardisation (ANEC), said:

"Strengthening the cooperation between the EU's national market surveillance authorities, and with other authorities, is crucial for an effective and consistent enforcement of EU law.

"As toys continue to be one of the categories most notified on the EU rapid alert system for dangerous non-food products, consumer organisations applaud the call to implement joint market surveillance actions, especially online."

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