

Workshop on “Supply chain responsibilities – the importance of effective, consistent, efficient and practicable division of responsibilities between economic operators”

DATE: 02 March 2023, 15:00-16:30 (CET)

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Agenda

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| 15:00 (5') | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE WORKSHOP <i>Else Groen, Director General, Independent Retail Europe</i> | The purpose of the workshop is to explain and discuss with policymakers the issue of operators' responsibilities, the changes we observe in recent proposals and their consequences. |
| 15:05 (10') | EXPLAINING THE SECTOR <i>Els Bedert, Director for Product Policy & Sustainability, EuroCommerce</i> | This session will provide some figures on the sector and the actions it undertakes to ensure that products are safe and compliant, and contribute to the green transition to a circular economy. |
| 15:15 (15') | INTRODUCTION <i>Emilie Prouzet, Director for European Affairs, French Retail Federation (FCD)</i> | This session focusses on the importance of effective division of responsibilities in the EU. The market surveillance and product compliance regulation acts as a blueprint for future legislation with the long-established responsibilities as guiding principle. |
| 15:30 (20') | RETAILERS IN THE DIGITAL TRANSITION <i>Alexis Waravka, Head Digital and Competitiveness, Independent Retail Europe</i> | This session will look at the impact on traders of certain changes to the wording in legislative acts concerning A.I., cybersecurity and digital labelling. |
| 15:50 (30') | RETAILERS IN THE TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABILITY <i>Business speaker: Due diligence - forced labour</i> <i>SOK Corporation (Finland)</i> <i>Deforestation & Construction</i> <i>Julien Bouyeron, Director of European Affairs, European DIY Retail Association (EDRA)</i> | This session will investigate the consequences of new requirements on traders with regard to due diligence, forced labour, as well as deforestation-free and construction products. |
| 16:20 (10') | DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS <i>Todor Ivanov, Secretary General, Euro Coop</i> | |