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**Report of the Advisory Group on Market Surveillance,
its activities and the seventeenth meeting in Moscow**

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THE 17th MARS GROUP MEETING WAS ORGANIYED BY:

- **UNECE WP6 secretariat**
 - **The MARS Group and WP6 Bureau**

 - **The meeting held in Moscow, Russian Federation from 08 to 09 July 2019 at the premises of Eurasian Economic Commission**

 - **The meeting was attended by over 80 experts from 12 UNECE and non-UNECE member countries**

 - **Individual experts also attended in their own capacity**
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INTRODUCTION

- Important role of the Market Surveillance Authorities in removing non-compliant goods from the market
- The role of MARS Group in coordinating efforts at regional and global level
- The challenges of Market Surveillance Authorities, including the increasing complexity of products and supply chains, limited available resources and growth of online sales

MARKET SURVEILLANCE: DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONALS LEVEL

- The importance of cooperation in the field of Market Surveillance at global and regional levels
- The role of MARS Group in facilitating the exchange of best practice
- Introduction of the European Union's Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 on Market Surveillance and compliance of products

MARKET SURVEILLANCE: DEVELOPMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONALS LEVEL

Discussion concerning the following areas:

- EEC approach to state control over compliance with the requirements of the Eurasian Union's (ECU) technical regulations
- Ongoing activities of the GRM's new proposed recommendation that will lay out a risk-based, import compliance framework aimed at minimizing product non-compliance while facilitating international trade
- Risk-based market surveillance method and cooperation with Customs Administrations

Market Surveillance: experiences at national levels

- **MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY OF TURKEY:** Novelty planed in organization of Market Surveillance and expectation of new power in regard purchased of product for sampling and testing and experience in working with online marketplaces in order to identify the economic operators responsible for non-compliant products
- **REPUBLIC OF SERBIA:** Market Surveillance plan: Market Surveillance System with the focus in particular on the Market Surveillance Law and planning methodology based on a risk assessment method, frequency of performing surveillance based on risk; shared experience gained on some case studies of dangerous products removed from the market and implementation of the procedure on how to handle dangerous product and how to handle of dangerous waste and the national system of Rapid Exchange of Information on Dangerous Products as well as the network in the Western Balkans
- **CZECH OFFICE FOR STANDARDS, METROLOGY AND TESTING:** New proposed internet application to coordinate the planning of controls among all Czech Market Surveillance Authorities & inspection authorities, emphasized advantages of the system were that the scheduling of controls would be improved and reduce the pressure on entrepreneurs and economic operators, ensure a better preparation of controls with more efficiencies, and allow for information sharing among Market Surveillance Authorities

THE GLOSSARY OF MARKET SURVEILLANCE TERMS:

- Market Surveillance Glossary dated back to 2011
- There was a need to reflect current development on the markets and in the Market Surveillance approaches
- MARS Group had decided to revise the Glossary
- The Convener of the General Market Surveillance Model agreed to provide a draft new version that would be discussed and present to the WP6

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS:

- The president of the China Jiliang University presenting how standardization contributes to eliminate market failures from the perspective of economy theory
- MARS Group discussed the role of Standardization in Market Surveillance and role of Standards and different sectors were suited to different solution
- A Member of the Russian Presidium, Academy of Quality Problems, informed that since 1979 Russia has conducted systematic training for professionals in the area of surveillance and there are proven curricula and training materials available for further discussion

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS:

- The representative of the National Board of Trade, Sweden presented recent study on the Implications of IT security regulation on international trade with the conclusion of the analysis that it is important to increase understanding of cyber-security in society especially that policymakers and regulators should understand the effects of cyber-regulation.

 - The GRM Coordinator referred to the work of the Group on a Proposal for Common Regulatory Arrangement in the field of cyber-security based upon international standards and on the model described in Recommendation L
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OTHER DEVELOPMENTS:

- The representative of PTB, Germany, gave a presentation on:
 - two regional technical cooperation projects on Market Surveillance that were being carried out in South East Europe and in the Eastern Partnership, open to all quality infrastructure sectors, based on countries' demands

 - The recently published PTB-World Bank Toolkit “Ensuring Quality to Gain Access to Global Markets: A Reform Toolkit”
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CONCLUSIONS:

- To continue the exchange of information and experience among Market Surveillance Authorities especially as regards the planning of inspections, the “New Good Package” and the challenges of e-commerce and cyber-security
 - To revise the Market Surveillance Glossary
 - To develop guidance on cooperation between MSAs and customs
 - To initiate the process of updating recommendations M relating to the use of market surveillance infrastructure as a counterfeit and piracy mechanism
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CONCLUSIONS:

- To update the contacts database and the document “Network of regional networks”
 - To enhance cooperation with education institutions and with the UNECE WP.6 START-Ed Group, as well as with the UNECE WP.6 GRM Group
 - These actions items would be:
 - Carried out contingent on the availability of resources
 - The continued and support of Member States and their availability to contribute expertise and best practice
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Thank you!

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