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*'Ensuring a smooth transition between
GPSD and GPSR'*



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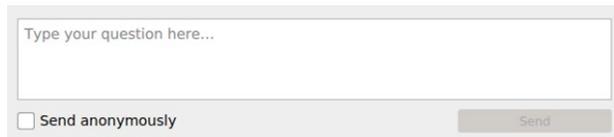
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- AUWP: Annual Union Work Programme for European standardization
- CCMC: CEN and CENELEC Management Center
- COM: (European) Commission
- EC: European Commission
- EN: European Standard
- ENQ: Enquiry
- ESO(s): European Standardization Organization(s)
- FV: Formal Vote
- GPSR: General Product Safety Regulation (2023/988)
- GPSD: General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC)
- MS: Member State
- MSA: Market Surveillance Authority
- OJ/OJEU: Official Journal / Official Journal of the European Union
- SRAHG: Standardization Request Ad-Hoc Group
- SREQ: Standardization Request
- TBO: Technical Body Officer
- TC: Technical Committee
- WG: Working Group
- WI/NWI: Work Item / New Work Item

Objective of the session

- Brief overview of the **General Product Safety Regulation** (GPSR EU 2023/988)
- Impact & practical information related to **standard harmonization** process
- AUWP 2024 and **new Standardization Request** expected for consumer products

- ❑ **PART I: New legislative framework GPSR EU 2023/988**
 - ❑ Brief overview
 - ❑ What impact for standardization?

- ❑ **PART II: The use of product safety standards as a support for the GPSR**
 - ❑ New format to draft Standardization Requests
 - ❑ AUWP 2024: new Standardization Request expected & timeline
 - ❑ Next Act for OJ referencing expected Q1/2024

- ❑ **PART III: Standardization Request process**
 - ❑ Principle & workflow between CEN-CENELEC and the European Commission
 - ❑ CEN-CENELEC Standardization Request Ad Hoc Groups (SRAHG)

- ❑ **PART IV: Informative Annexes Z in transition period**
 - ❑ Annexes ZA/ZZ for GPSD/R and expected SReqs in 2024
 - ❑ Reference & Use of the new Safety Requirements for children's products adopted in June 2023 (No SReq linked yet)



Part I: New legislative framework GPSR EU 2023/988

The impact on the standardization process

New General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR – Regulation (EU) 2023/988)



Main elements:

 **Updates and modernises the general framework for safety** of non-food consumer products; to preserve its role as a **safety net for consumers** and **ensure level-playing field for businesses**

- Repeals Directive 2001/95/EC on General Product Safety
- Repeals Directive 87/357/EEC on the food imitating products
- Amends Directive (EU) 2020/1828 on representative actions for the protection of the collective interests of consumers
- Amends Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 on European standardisation
- Entry into application on 13 December 2024
- Read more: [EC website](#)

Problems identified



Current GPSD valid tool but still too many unsafe products circulate on the EU market:



an uneven playing field for businesses

an important cost for society and consumers:

The preventable detriment to EU consumers and society from injuries/death caused by unsafe products = EUR 11.5 billion per year

Consumers detriment based on the value of unsafe products = EUR 19.3 billion

Specific problems:

- GPSD not sufficiently addressing challenges linked to new technologies and the online sales (sales via online marketplaces, direct imports);
- recalls of dangerous products from consumers not sufficiently effective;
- market surveillance provisions not fully effective and coherent with rules for harmonized products;
- safety rules for food-imitating products inconsistently applied across the EU

GPSR specific objectives and benefits



GPSR expected benefits:

Higher effectiveness in protecting consumers from dangerous products

(new technologies, online sales) →

reduced consumer detriment of

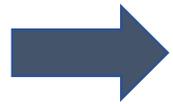
approximately **EUR 1.0 billion** in 2025,

and of approximately **EUR 5.5 billion**

over the next decade.



GPSR subject and scope



The GPSR lays down essential rules on the safety of consumer products placed/made available on the EU market

Scope:



- GPSR applies to **consumer products placed / made available** on the EU market:
 - ▶ for **which no specific safety provisions are provided** in other EU legislation and
 - ▶ for **products subject to specific safety requirements** (by Union harmonised legislation), the GPSR applies to **aspects and risks not covered by those specific safety requirements**

General Safety obligation



Article 5: General safety requirement

- Economic operators shall place or make available on the market only **safe products**.

Article 3(2): Definition of a safe product

- *a Safe product* means any product which, under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use, including the actual duration of use, does not present any risk or only the minimum risks compatible with the product's use, considered acceptable and consistent with a high level of protection of the health and safety of consumers

Article 6: Aspects for assessing the safety of products

Article 7: presumption of conformity with the general safety requirements

Article 8: other aspects to be taken into account

Note:

GPSR covers all types of risks to human health and safety, including mental health risk

GPSR must be implemented taking into due account the precautionary principle (Art 2(5))

Economic operator obligations and the role of standards



When placing a product on the market, manufacturers must ensure that a product is safe (art.5)



internal risk analysis for all the products (art.9(2))



Technical Documentation (art. 9(2)):

- general description of product
 - Essential characteristics relevant for safety
 - All identified risks
 - if risk(s) identified => analysis of the risks and measures to mitigate or eliminate risk
- + European standards applied**

What impact on standardization?



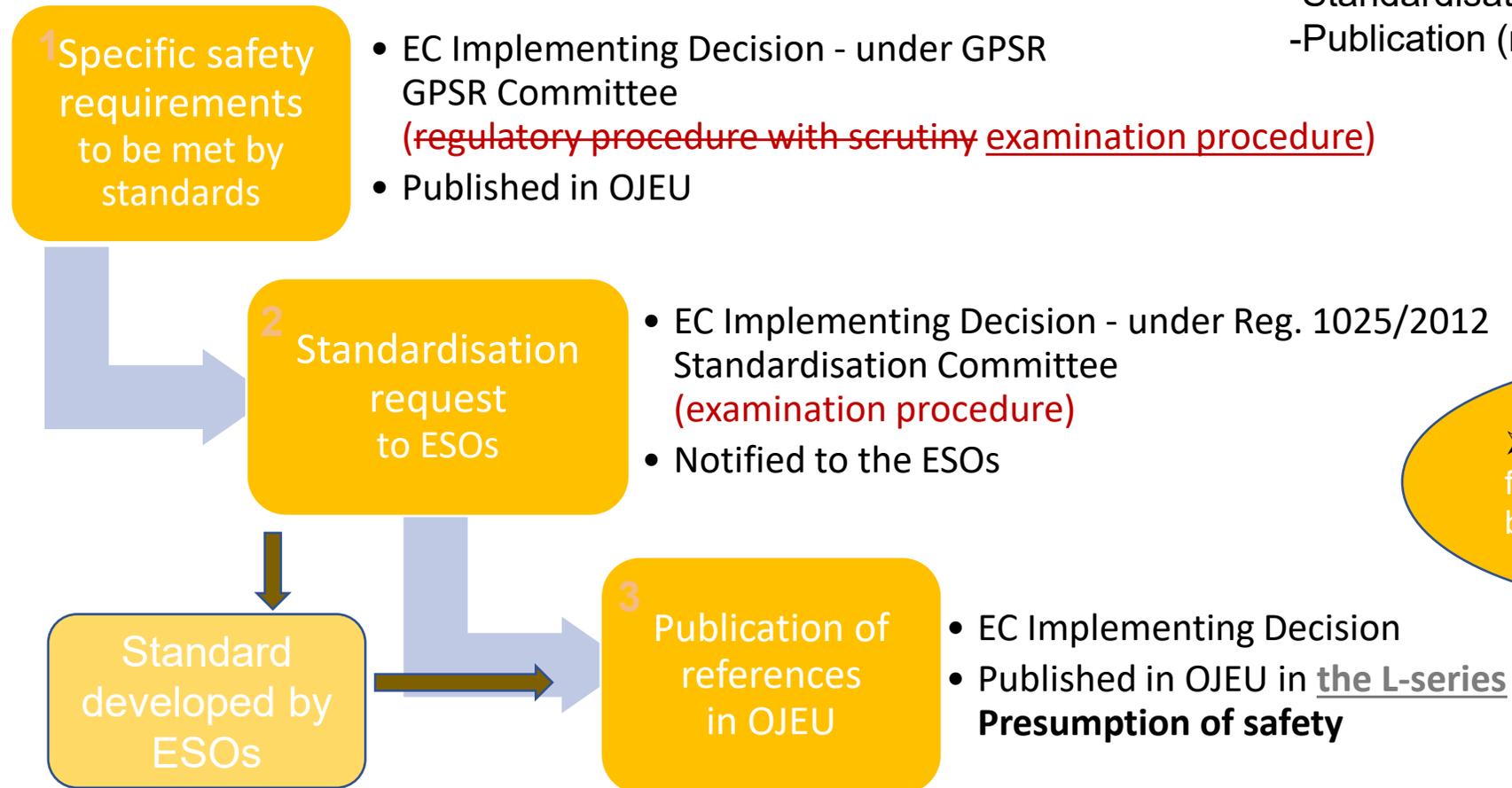
Standards referenced in the OJEU under GPSR give the “**presumption of conformity with the general safety requirement**” for the risk that they cover.

- Childcare articles, lighters, bicycles, gym equipment, laser products, etc.
- ▶ Article 7 Technical standards **help with compliance but remain legally voluntary.**
- ▶ Recital 27 ensures **continuity of standardization work** in support of consumer safety.
- ▶ Article 48 **Alignment** to the general regime contained in Regulation (EU) 1025/2012.

Standardisation steps under the GPSR and reg. 1025/2012



- 4 legal acts
- GPSDR
 - Safety requirements
 - Standardisation requests
 - Publication (now in the L-series)





Part II. The use of product safety standards as a support for the GPSR: the need to renew standardization requests, AUWP 2024 and citation act

Presumption of conformity construction



- ▶ Reminder: European standards grant a presumption of conformity with legislative safety requirements
- ▶ Close link between law and technical standards

Case law on standards and its repercussion on procedures



- ▶ Judgment of the Court (the James Elliott case) of 27 October 2016 ([Case C-613/14](#))
- ▶ Judgment of the Court (the Anstar case) of 14 December 2017 ([Case C-630/16](#))
- ▶ Judgment of the Court (Public.Resource.Org and Right to Know) of 14 July 2021 ([Case T-185/19](#))

In a nutshell, the case law states that:



- ▶ European standards referenced in the OJEU, although voluntary, are part of EU law and produce public legal effects;
- ▶ There is an essential legal relationship between the standardization request and the resulting technical standards offered for citation

The changes in the format of Standardization requests



- ▶ Most old standardization requests are not in line with the James Elliott and the Anstar rulings
- ⇒ New standardization requests should **clearly spell out policy objectives** and public interests, identify all standards needed after **transparent consultations**, express the content requirements, set **deadlines** for adoption and expiration dates for all requests (no open-ended requests).

Need to renew standardization requests



- **6 mandates are pre-GPSD:** 1 document including both safety requirements and standardization request => questionable legal certainty.
⇒ *Transitional solution in 2023: citation still possible provided a case by case 'urgency' can be demonstrated (special Annex ZA/ZZ).*
- **11 mandates are post GPSD but pre-Reg.1025/2012:** safety requirements were adopted via a Commission Decision (Art.4 GPSD), but the standardization request is still a simple document.
⇒ *Transitional solution still valid: citation still possible provided a case by case 'urgency' can be demonstrated.*
- **3 mandates do respect the provisions of both the GPSD and Reg. 1025/2012** and are thus valid.

New safety requirements for children's products



► Adopted by the European Commission on 28 June 2023
(DECISION (EU) 2023/1338)

⇒ Then the EC can revise the 'outdated' mandates

⇒ Current standardization work in the field of children's products:

- M/253 Baby walking frames - [CEN/TC 252](#)
- M/259 Consumer Safety of oil lamps – [CEN/TC 46](#)
- M/264 Childcare articles - [CEN/TC 207](#) – [CEN/TC 252](#)
- M/266 Safety of consumers and children – lighters [CEN/TC 355](#)
- M/309 Draw strings on children's clothing - [CEN/TC 248](#)
- M/464 Safety of child-care articles: drowning risks - [CEN/TC 252](#)
- M/465 Safety of locking devices - [CEN/TC 252](#)
- M/497 Childcare articles 'risks in the sleeping environment' - [CEN/TC 248](#) with [CEN/TC 252](#)
- M/527 'Children's seats' - [CEN/TC 252](#)

AUWP 2024

The 2024 Annual Union work programme for European standardization



- ▶ Alignment with the EC key objectives.
- ▶ CEN and CENELEC invited to review the draft AUWP before its release.
- ▶ **2024-02-02: release of the AUWP 2024**
- ▶ **1 action** (out of 72) specific to **consumer products safety standards**

Actions for the development and revision of European standards or European standardisation deliverables supporting the the internal market for services and products				
Ref	Title	Reference	European standards/European standardisation deliverables	Specific objectives and policies for European standards/European standardisation deliverables
71	Consumer products safety standards	Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 December 2001 on general product safety	Develop or revise European standards to support the General Product Safety Directive 2001/95/EC, focusing on children's products and other items under the scope of the Directive, in collaboration with the Commission's expert group Consumer Safety Network. This includes enhancing the childrens' safety from internal blinds, corded window coverings and safety devices, gymnastic and stationary equipment safety, and safety of locking devices for windows and balcony doors.Childrens' safety from internal blinds, Corded window coverings and safety devices, Safety of gymnastic equipment and stationary equipment, Safety of locking devices for windows and balcony doors.	The main objective is enhancing product safety under Directive 2001/95/EC by ensuring current standards incorporate the latest scientific knowledge. This will guarantee compliance with the general and specific safety requirements outlined in the Directive and its accompanying decision.

New SReqs expected in 2024



Replacing old mandates, with **in priority**:

- ▶ M/505 (Window blinds)
- ▶ M/264 (Childcare articles)
- ▶ M/253 (Baby walking frames)
- ▶ M/309 (Draw strings on children's clothing)
- ▶ M/464 (Safety of child-care articles, Cluster 1 (drowning risks), bath rings, bathing aids, bath tubs and stands)
- ▶ M/497 (Childcare articles 'risks in the sleeping environment')
- ▶ M/506 (Stationary training equipment)
- ▶ M/507 (Gymnastic equipment)
- ▶ M/465 (Safety of locking devices)

Citation and withdrawal act



- ▶ COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) .../... amending Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1698 of 9 October 2019 as regards European standards for certain child care articles, children's furniture, gymnastic equipment and lighters.
 - EN 913:2018+A1:2021 Gymnastic equipment - General safety requirements and test methods
 - EN 17191:2021 Children's Furniture - Seating for children - Safety requirements and test methods
 - EN 14344:2022 Child care articles - Child seats for cycles - Safety requirements and test methods
 - EN 16890:2017+A1:2021- Children's furniture - Mattresses for cots and cribs - Safety requirements and test methods
 - EN 50689:2021- Safety of laser products - Particular Requirements for Consumer Laser Products
 - EN 12790-1:2023- Child care articles - Reclined cradles - Part 1: Reclined cradles for children up to when they start to try to sit up
 - EN 12790-2:2023 Child care articles - Reclined cradles - Part 2: Reclined cradles for children up to when they start to stand up

- ▶ COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION (EU) .../... on the withdrawal of the publication of the references of the standards in the Official Journal of the European Union pursuant to Directive 2001/95/EC on general product safety:
 - EN 581-1:2006 Outdoor furniture — Seating and tables for camping, domestic and contract use — Part 1: General safety requirements;
 - EN 12491:2001 Paragliding equipment — Emergency parachutes — Safety requirements and test methods;
 - EN 1651:1999 Paragliding equipment — Harnesses — Safety requirements and strength tests;
 - EN 1273:2005 Child use and care articles — Baby walking frames — Safety requirements and test methods

- ISC: finished on 7-8/03/2024 (all comments implemented)
- Comitology: ddl 30rd March 2024
- Adoption: April 2024

Reminder: Roles and responsibilities of COM during the standardization process



- ▶ Art. 10(1-2): COM adopts a standardization request after broad consultations (including societal stakeholders) and a vote in the Committee on Standards
- ▶ Art. 10(3): ESOs can accept or reject the request; by accepting, ESO takes exclusive responsibility for developing the standards
- ▶ Art. 10(5): Compliance of documents drafted by ESOs assessed by COM jointly with ESOs => COM verifies and ensures compliance of requested standards with essential requirements and with standardization request/mandate.
- ▶ Art. 10(6): COM decides to publish without delay references of standards in OJ if they satisfy the essential requirements they intend to cover.



PART III: Standardization Request Process

European Mandates under GPSD

Mandate = EC standardization request



-> Safety requirements established individually for each group of products and published in individual European Commission's Decisions and then issue a Standardization Request to the European Standardization Organizations.

- ▶ M/527 Children's seats
- ▶ M/531 Laser products
- ▶ M/538 Alcohol-powered flueless fireplaces



Valid mandates.

- ▶ M/253 Baby walking frames
- ▶ M/259 Consumer Safety of oil lamps
- ▶ M/264 Childcare articles
- ▶ M/266 Safety of consumers and children- lighters
- ▶ (M/285 Ladders)
- ▶ M/309 Draw strings on children's clothing



Pre-GPSD: 1 document including both safety requirements and standardization request.

As of 2024 -> not possible to reference standards in the OJ developed under old mandates that do not contain EC decision with safety requirements.

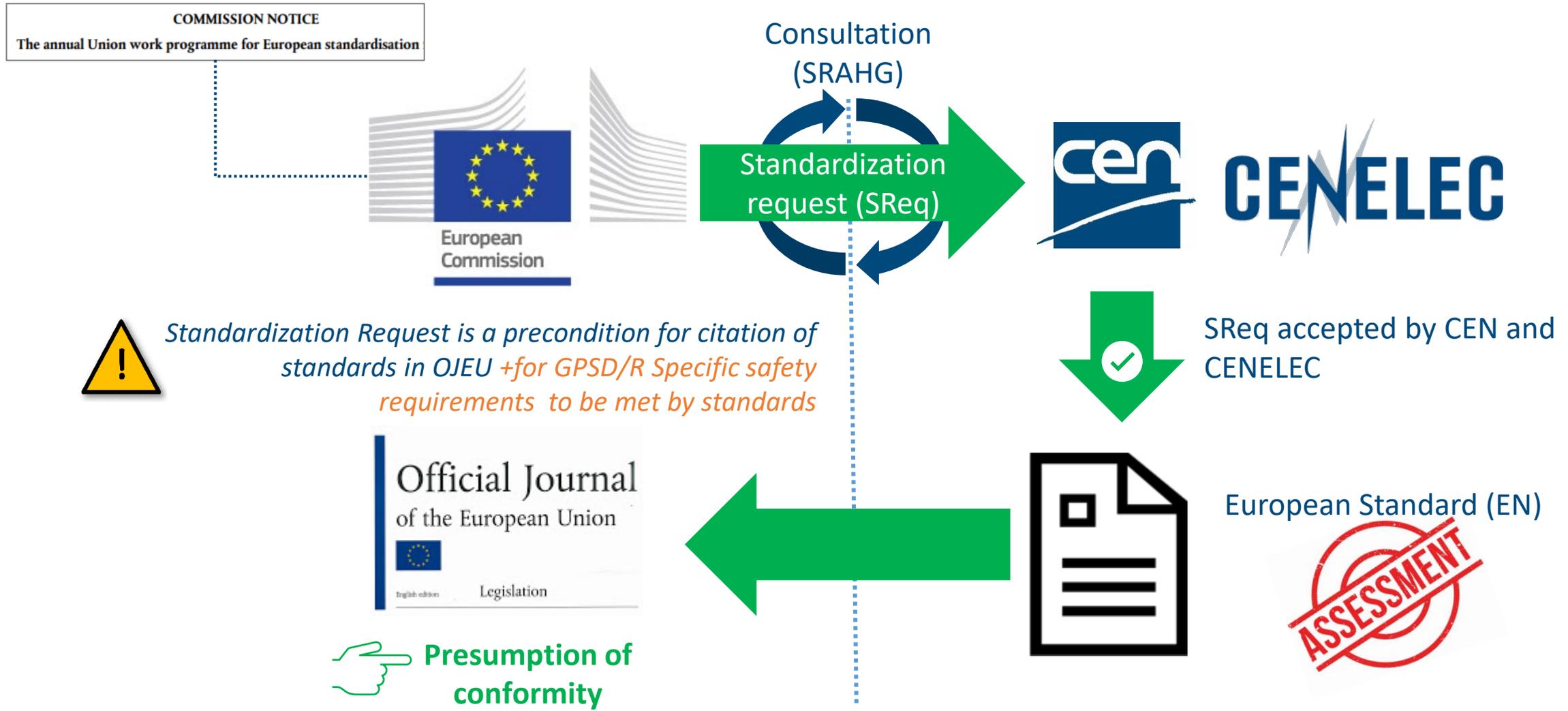
- ▶ M/372 Floating leisure products
- ▶ M/425 Fire Safety
- ▶ M/427 Cigarettes lighters
- ▶ M/452 Safety of music players
- ▶ M/464 Safety of child-care articles – drowning risks
- ▶ M/465 Safety of locking devices
- ▶ M/497 Childcare articles 'risks in the sleeping environment'
- ▶ M/505 Window blinds
- ▶ M/506 Stationary training equipment
- ▶ M/507 Gymnastic equipment
- ▶ M/508 Bicycles



Post GPSD but pre-Reg.1025/2012: safety requirements were adopted via a Commission Decision (Art.4 GPSD), but the standardization request is still a simple document.

As of 2024 -> possible to reference standards in the OJ developed under old mandates that do contain EC decision with safety requirements – justification of urgency.

EU product standards cited in the OJ - Workflow



SReq development process



Commission planning (AUWP*) – Future SReqs are announced

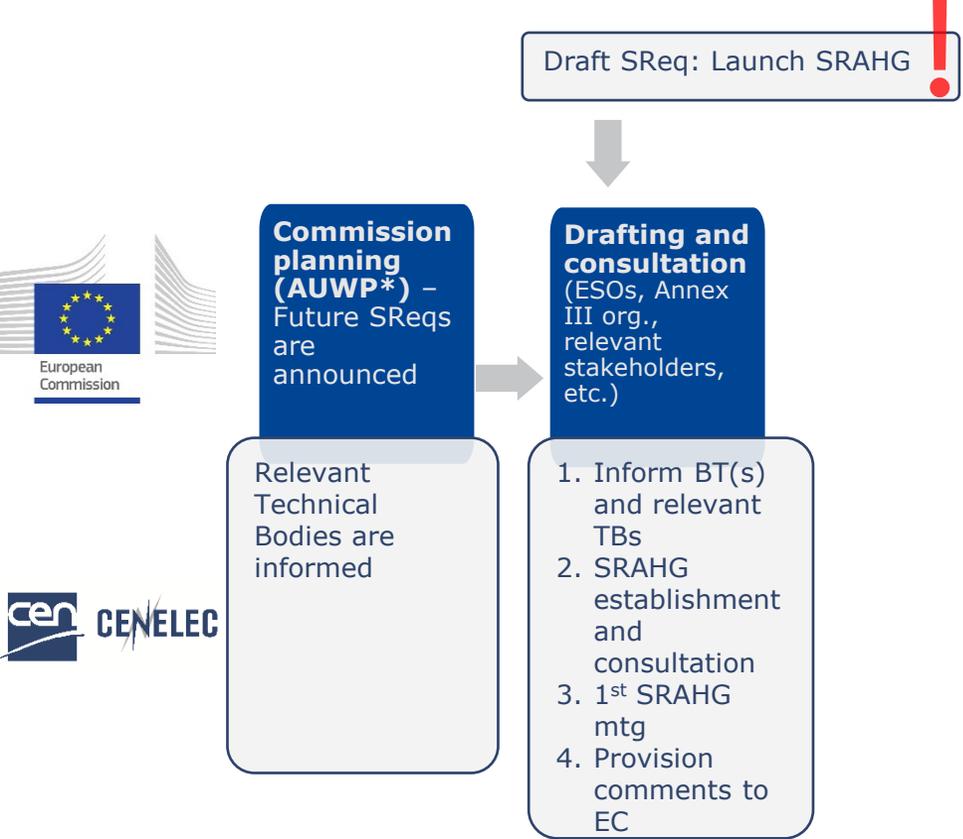
Relevant Technical Bodies are informed



* link to [Annual Union Work Programme for European Standardization for 2024](#)

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SReq development process



SReq development process – SRAHG (I)

Standardization Request Ad-hoc Group – SRAHG

Role: coordination between all stakeholders during drafting of SReq and advises on problematic issues, recommendation to the CEN and CENELEC Technical Board.

- ▶ Established **upon reception** of the first (informal) draft
- ▶ Announced together with the **announcement of the first web-conference and a 'call' for nominating experts** to the SRAHG:
 - ▶ BTs
 - ▶ relevant Technical Body(ies)
 - ▶ relevant Sector Forum and/or Coordination Groups
- ▶ Open to all stakeholders: European Commission, Annex III organizations, CEN and CENELEC partners, ISO and IEC, ETSI
- ▶ CCMC ensures the Secretariat

SReq development process – SRAHG (II)

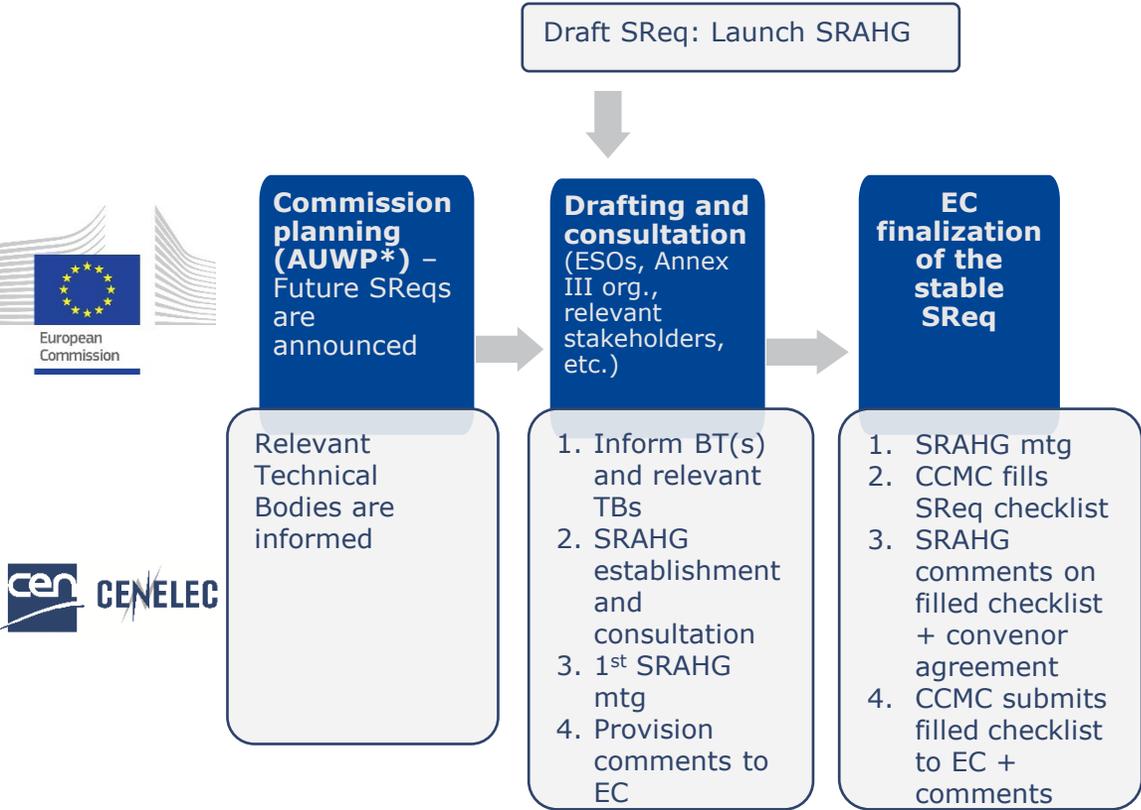
Standardization Request Ad-hoc Group – SRAHG

SRAHG should verify:

- ▶ List of items which are requested by EC to CEN and CENELEC, including deadlines
 - ▶ Expiry date of SReq
 - ▶ Potential funding needs
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- ▶ SRAHG provides a recommendation to BT on acceptance/rejection of SReq

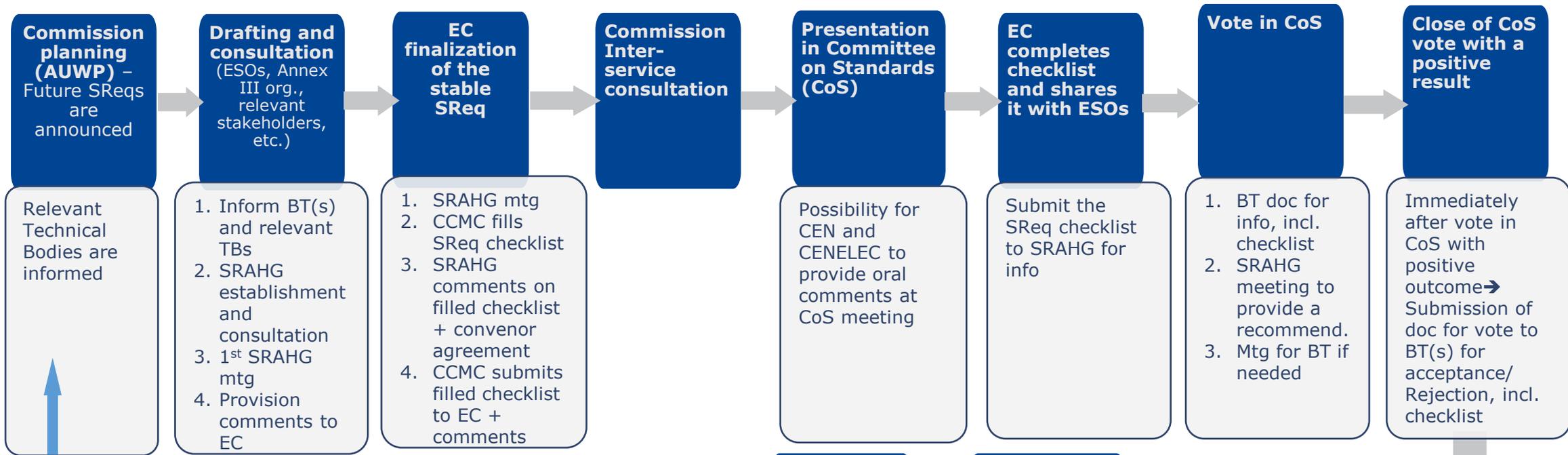
Duration: SRAHG is disbanded upon the acceptance of SReq

SReq development process

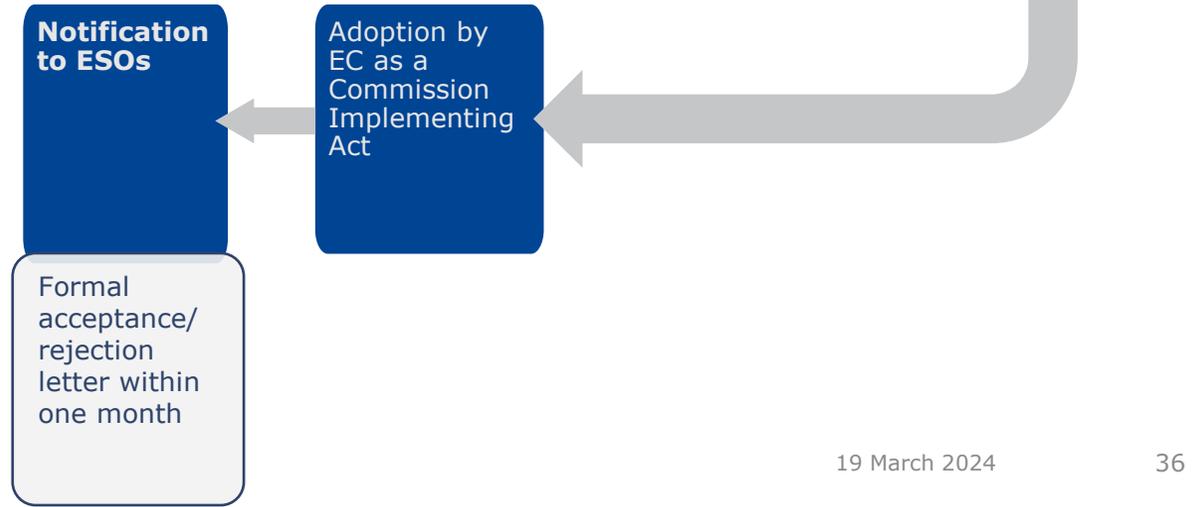


DECISION BT 018/2023
on
the use of Checklist for
SREQ
Action: PM + SRAHG

Standardization Request (SReq) - Process



We are here



How to amend/revise an existing SReq?

- ▶ To request additional standards, extension of deadlines for standards' delivery and/or extension of the expiry date of the SReq → **CCMC has to contact the relevant EC desk officer**
- ▶ A SReq can be modified through an amendment or revision → applying the whole process for development of SReq (this is not quick)

Why:

- ▶ Since the SReq has the legal status of a Commission Implementing Decision, the EC will launch the full process for the approval of a new Commission Implementing Decision, i.e. among others, the EC inter-service consultation and the approval by the Member States in the CoS



PART IV: Informative Annexes Z in transition period

The Annex ZA/ZZ is an informative Annex demonstrating the relationship between the clauses of the standards and the requirements of the EU legislation aimed to be covered.

- ▶ Identification of the Standardization Request and the Commission Decision
- ▶ Link between requirements and detailed clauses of the standard
- ▶ Sufficient level of granularity

Annexes Z and the standard as a whole are assessed by the “HAS consultants” in different stages of its development, while the **final assessment and decision** about the citation in the OJEU for the provision of presumption of conformity remain for the European Commission services in charge of the sector.

Recital 27 (GPSR) ensures continuity of standardization work in support of consumer safety, meaning that the standardization work developed in support of the current legislation (General Product safety Directive 2001/95/EC) should continue providing a presumption of conformity with the future Regulation. This is applicable to:

- All European Standards published and cited in the OJ before the application of the Regulation.
- All Standardization Requests issued before the application of the Regulation.
 - Standardization work in development expected to be published in 2024 and using existing Annex ZA/ZZ referring to GPSD.

(27) In order to facilitate the effective and consistent application of the general safety requirement laid down in this Regulation, it is important to make use of European standards covering certain products and risks. European standards, the references of which have been published in accordance with Directive 2001/95/EC, should continue providing a presumption of conformity with the general safety requirement laid down in this Regulation. Standardisation requests issued by the Commission in accordance with Directive 2001/95/EC should be deemed to be standardisation requests issued in accordance with this Regulation. In the event that different risks or risk categories are covered by the same standard, the conformity of a product with the part of the standard covering the relevant risk or risk category would also give to the product itself a presumption of safety as far as the relevant risk or risk category is concerned.

Annexe ZA/ZZ for standards intending to support GPSD/R

Recommendation for TBs:

As the new Regulation is applicable as of Dec 2024, for European Standards expected to be published after this date and new developments, Technical Bodies are invited to use for informative Annex Z:

- Generic template with the reference to the new Regulation (GPSR EU 2023/988)
- Template for draft standards for GPSR for European Standards developed under mandates expected to be renewed in 2024



SReq expected in 2024:

- ▶ M/505 (Window blinds)
- ▶ M/ 264 (Childcare articles)
- ▶ M/309 (Draw strings on children's clothing)
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- ▶ M/497 (Childcare articles 'risks in the sleeping environment')
- ▶ M/507 (Gymnastic equipment)

Soon available here:

[CEN BOSS/CENELEC BOSS](#) section under Forms & Templates

Template for draft standards (expected SReq in 2024)



Annex ZA (informative)

Relationship between this European Standard and the safety requirements of Regulation 2023/988/EC aimed to be covered

This European Standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardization request [Full reference to the request "C(202X) XXXX final!"] to provide one voluntary means of conforming to the safety requirements of Commission Decision (EU/EC) No [XXX/YYYY] of [date] implementing General Product Safety Regulation 2023/988/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to safety requirements for [product name as indicated in title of the EC implementing Decision].

Once this standard is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Regulation 2023/988/EC, compliance with the normative clauses of this standard given in Table ZA.1 confers, within the limits of the scope of this standard, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding safety requirements of that Regulation and associated EFTA regulations.

Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Commission Decision (EU/EC) No [XXX/YYYY] of [date] implementing Regulation 2023/988/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to safety requirements for [product name] and Commission's standardization request [Full reference to the request 'M/xxx']

Safety Requirements of EC Decision (EU/EC) No [XXX/YYYY]	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks/Notes
Product and product definition	Clause X	XXXX
A. General Safety Requirements	Clause Y. YY	YYYY
B. Specific Safety Requirements		

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Guidance for technical bodies:

- Need to issue a new standardisation request in order for referencing in the OJ to be possible.
- **Transitional solution agreed with the EC:**
'this standard has been drafted in accordance with a Commission standardization request C(202X) XXXX final'.
- After Standardization Requests are adopted, template will be reviewed.

Reference & Use of the new Safety Requirements for children's products adopted in June 2023



Annex ZA (informative)

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Once this standard is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Regulation 2023/988/EC, compliance with the normative clauses of this standard given in Table ZA.1 confers, within the limits of the scope of this standard, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding safety requirements set in that Regulation and associated EFTA regulations.

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Guidance for technical bodies:

➤ Need to issue a new standardisation request in order for referencing in the OJ to be possible.

➤ Transitional solution agreed with the EC, to indicate:

'this standard has been drafted in accordance with a Commission standardization request C(202X) XXXX final'.

➤ For M/464, M/497, M/527 -> use existing safety requirements + need to include new decision on safety requirements for children's products (recital 4 COMMISSION DECISION (EU) 2023/1338)

➤ For M/253, M/259, M/264, M/266, M/309, M/465 -> use only new decision on safety requirements for children's products

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Question time

▶ Use the Q&A panel to submit your questions



Type your question here...

Send anonymously

Send

- ▶ General Product Safety Regulation – European Commission website ([link here](#))

- ▶ Annual Union Work Plan for European standardization – AUWP 2024 ([link here](#))

- ▶ Annex ZA/ZZ: [CEN BOSS/CENELEC BOSS](#) section under Forms & Templates

- ▶ Drafting homegrown European standards for citation in the OJEU ([CEN BOSS/CENELEC BOSS](#))

- ▶ Previous webinars available on CEN-CENELEC website ([here](#)):
 - ▶ 2023-12-18: Webinar 'Innovative process for homegrown harmonized standards (hENs)' -> available [here](#)
 - ▶ 2022-11-22: Drafting harmonized standards – IR3 rules, requirements and normative references → available [here](#)

Your feedback





Thank you for your participation!

Upcoming webinars/events

2024-03-21 - [Webinar 'New process for harmonized standards under parallel development'](#)

2024-04-16 - [Webinar on EN ISO 14083 - GHG emissions accounting for transport operations](#)

2024-04-18 - [Navigating the Transition: Standards Powering the Journey of Alternative Fuel Infrastructure](#)

Continuity of standardization work

In the context of the new General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR Regulation (EU) 2023/988), the continuity of standardization work in support of consumer safety is explained in [recital 27 of the GPSR](#), see below.

(27) In order to facilitate the effective and consistent application of the general safety requirement laid down in this Regulation, it is important to make use of European standards covering certain products and risks. European standards, the references of which have been published in accordance with Directive 2001/95/EC, should continue providing a presumption of conformity with the general safety requirement laid down in this Regulation. Standardisation requests issued by the Commission in accordance with Directive 2001/95/EC should be deemed to be standardisation requests issued in accordance with this Regulation. In the event that different risks or risk categories are covered by the same standard, the conformity of a product with the part of the standard covering the relevant risk or risk category would also give to the product itself a presumption of safety as far as the relevant risk or risk category is concerned.