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JAHARP2020-1 Newsletter (second edition)

24 Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs) from 20 European countries work jointly to keep European consumers safe

Geographical Scope of JAHARP2020-1




24 Market Surveillance Authorities from 20 European Member States

Our goal: the safety of your products

JAHARP2020-1 performed documentary checks and tests on consumer products to assess safety and compliance with European legislation. By May 2023, we will test 27 gas cooking hobs and the Specific Absorption Rate of 30 models of connected portable devices. Additionally, we have devised a harmonised approach for assessing the administrative requirements for 6 product-related Directives.


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Joint Market Surveillance Action 1 on
HARmonised Products 2020





INSPECTION & TESTING RESULTS

Administrative Checks & Tests on 2 Product Groups & Harmonised Approach to evaluate the Administrative Requirements for some Directives



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Gas Cooking Hobs and Hot Plates

Harmonised Approach to Evaluation of Administrative Requirements

SAR Measurements on Connected Portable Devices





MSAs' SCREENING AND LABORATORY ACTIVITIES SO FAR

■ Compliance ■ Non-Compliance

out of the **39** products screened by MSAs (as of April) **74%** had administrative non-conformities

out of the **27** products tested and examined in the laboratory **85%** present administrative non-compliances and **56%** present technical non-compliances

CONSUMER ADVICE AND MAIN TAKE-AWAYS FROM THE ACTIVITIES

-  The CE mark should mention the ID number of the notified body
-  Check if the product has sharp edges
-  Make sure that the product has warning translated in your language
-  The overall non-compliance level seems high - especially if considering that the involvement of notified bodies is mandatory for type-examination and product control




ACTIVITIES RESULTS WHILE ASSESSING THE ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The **12** cases examined from **6** European Sectors showed that... In some cases, there may be national differences when the MSAs

insert data in ICSMS assess administrative requirements


At times, some encode product data based on packaging, some based on information from the product At times, different assessment of Declaration of Conformity


MAIN TAKEAWAYS FROM THE ACTIVITIES

-  MSAs may be discouraged from inputting data in ICSMS because of the possible differences in the data insertion across Member States
-  The project group recommends updates in ICSMS
 - Easier data extraction to facilitate inspectors
 - Creation of a 'test' area where MSAs can make simulation of inspection cases
-  The project could not harmonize product assessment for all sectors. Hence, we produced a guidance document for ADCOs so that they can run similar exercises for the respective legislation.


UPDATE ON SCREENING AND TESTING ACTIVITIES

249 models screened **30** devices sent to laboratory

 Testing activities started in January-February 2023, and all results will be available soon

 MSAs are currently processing the 15 results available so far

MAIN TAKEAWAYS FROM THE ACTIVITIES

 At times, laboratories may have some difficulties when switching from testing for manufacturers to testing for MSAs

The [JAHARP2020-1](#) is a 24-month pan-European Triplet Project co-funded by the European Union (EU). Its strategic objective is threefold: (i) to raise the level of market surveillance; (ii) to facilitate the application of the new Market Surveillance Regulation (EU) 2019/1020; and (iii) to increase the capability of the European MSAs. The project is coordinated by [PROSAFE - The Product Safety Forum of Europe](#).

Caution! The results described stem from samples of products from the markets in the participating countries. As in most market surveillance activities, the results represent the targeted efforts that MSAs undertake to identify unsafe products. This means that the detected non-compliance rate does not present a statistically valid picture of the situation of the whole market. Tests were undertaken at accredited laboratories and focussed on those safety requirements that have the largest impact on consumer safety.

Project results per working group

Gas cooking hobs and hot plates



The participating MSAs screened **39 gas cooking appliances** and selected **27 products** for testing by an accredited test laboratory. According to the results to date, **23 (85%)** of the 27 samples showed some kind of **administrative non-compliance**. **15 (56%)** of the appliances were found to have **technical nonconformities**. These include appliances with sharp edges, release of unburned gas, burners deforming during use leading to an imperfect burning behaviour, interrupted gas supply in case the appliance is tilted, and touchable surfaces that become too hot during use.

Harmonised Approach to Evaluation of Administrative Requirements



The group worked on **12 case studies** across **6 legislations (RED, LVD, EMC, GAR, TPED, PED)**. The goal was to increase the harmonisation level in the assessment of the administrative requirements and the use of the **EU's Information and Communication System for Market Surveillance (ICSMS)** to improve data comparability. Each participant first recorded the product cases in ICSMS. In step two, all recorded cases were extracted and analysed to compare the inputs. The review showed that in some cases MSAs may have different approaches when evaluating the administrative requirements. For example, differences were observed in the examination of the Declaration of Conformity and in the recording of data in ICSMS—e.g., while some MSAs encoded data related to the product ID from the packaging, others did it from the product itself. To reduce inconsistency, the group developed tooltips and guidance documents, together with actionable recommendations for future adaptations of ICSMS.

The Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) Measurements on Connected Portable Devices



A total of **249 models of connected portable devices** was screened. **30 products** were shortlisted and **sent for laboratory testing** to measure their SAR in line with the provisions of Recommendation 1999/519/EC on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz). Testing activities are ongoing and are expected to be finalised in the next few weeks. Participating MSAs are currently processing 15 test reports that have been released, so far, by the test laboratory to determine the necessary follow-up actions.

Consumer advice and key take-aways



- Check the CE mark and make sure it mentions the 4-digit ID number of the Notified Body involved in the production control of your gas cooking hob.
- Ensure that cooking hobs have no sharp edges.
- Make sure that your product contains warnings translated in your language.
- The non-compliance rate throughout the project activities was surprisingly high - considering that it is mandatory to involve a Notified Body in the type-examination and the production control.



- Inconsistencies in evaluating the administrative requirements prevent benchmarking and analysis of the ICSMS data. The current scenario may discourage MSAs from inputting information into the system because they would not see the benefits.
- ICSMS future development should include an easier data extraction and a 'test' environment where MSAs can simulate the input of different cases for comparison or review by other inspectors.
- Guidance was produced for AdCos to help MSAs run similar exercises for their applicable legislation. Since the project group cannot harmonise the requirements assessment for all types of products, AdCos can do it for their respective sector.



- At times, laboratories may have issues when switching from testing for manufacturers to that for MSAs.

Communication and Outreach

PROSAFE's web portal www.prosafe.org and social media ([Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)) provide progress updates to the public, also through infographics and visual content. Progress was also communicated via presentations at the TPED AdCo group meeting on 10 June 2021 and the PROSAFE General Assembly on 31 May 2022.

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