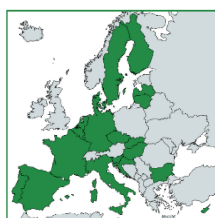


JAHARP2020-3 - First Newsletter

22 Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs) from 21 European countries work jointly to keep European consumers safe.

Geographical Scope of JAHARP2020-3



22 Market Surveillance Authorities from 21 European Member States

How safe are your products?

JAHARP2020-3 chose specific product categories and performed documentary checks and tests to assess their safety and compliance with the European legislation. We are checking 28 gas-fired space heaters, and 120 USB chargers. Also, we are developing a harmonised approach to market surveillance of large TPE (tanks) for the transport of class 2 gases. All non-compliant products would require follow-up measures by the European Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs).

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">INSPECTION & TESTING RESULTS</h2>	<p>Documentary Checks & Tests on 2 Product Groups & Development of a Harmonised Approach on Large TPE for transport of class 2 gasses</p>	<p>Co-funded by the European Union</p>
<p>Gas-fired space heaters</p>	<p>Large TPE for the transport of class 2 gases</p>	<p>USB Chargers</p>
<p>■ Compliance ■ Non-Compliance</p> <p>TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION INSPECTED BY MSAs SO FAR</p> <p>41 products screened</p> <p>Around 75% resulted non-compliant</p> <p>3 products types</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Forced convection heaters ✓ Flueless space heaters ✓ Parosol patio heaters <p>DOCUMENTARY CHECKS AND TESTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE LABORATORY SO FAR</p> <p>28 products sampled and 13 products tested</p> <p>77% present administrative non-compliances</p> <p>54% present technical non-compliances</p>	<p>TRAINING FOR MARKET SURVEILLANCE INSPECTORS</p> <p>A TPE expert provided training for participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Definition/types of large transportable equipment ✓ Supervision of manufacture ✓ Applicable legislation ✓ Details on periodic and intermediate inspection ✓ ADR type-approval procedure ✓ Exceptional checks ✓ Checklists for initial inspection ✓ Requirements of standard EN 12972:2018 <p>NEXT STEPS</p> <p>Visit to a manufacturer of road tankers in the first period of 2023</p> <p>Examination of manufacture aspects</p> <p>Development of guides for visual checks</p>	<p>PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED FOR TESTING</p> <p>120 products identified by the MSAs for testing</p> <p>Testing activities will end in March 2023 and results will be available</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY MSAs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Completion of product checklists ✓ Review of technical documentation (e.g., EU Declaration of conformity, and test reports when available)

The JAHARP2020-3 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](#), a non-profit NGO formed by market surveillance officers and based in Brussels.

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.

Overview of findings per working group

→ Gas-fired space heaters



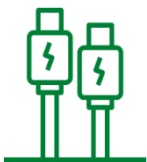
Gas-fired space heaters are common in the EU - especially in the Western and Northern areas. Generally, such appliances present serious hazards such as risks of fire, burns, generation of CO (carbon monoxide), and electric shocks. To ensure the safety of these products, the project group is currently checking the technical documentation for some heaters. Up to now, the participants inspected the technical documentation for 41 products (i.e., declaration of conformity, type approval certificates, and proof for production control), with around 75% presenting administrative non-compliance. Based on this preliminary screening, the group identified **28 samples** to send further to an accredited test laboratory. The laboratory found that **10 products** out of the 13 products that have been examined *so far* present administrative non-compliances (e.g., marking errors, errors in the user instructions, etc.), and **7 samples** out of the 13 checked pose possible technical issues that would make the products unsafe.

→ Large TPE for the transport of class 2 gases



This project is a preparatory, capacity building activity, aimed at developing a harmonised approach to market surveillance of large TPE (tanks) for the transport of class 2 gases. If tanks designed for the transport of these gases are exposed to high stresses (e.g., extreme temperatures, road or rail accidents), they may release the toxic or inflammable gases they contain - thus representing serious hazards for the environment and all vehicles and persons in the vicinity. To help improve the market surveillance for this sector, the project selected a **TPE expert to prepare checklists and provide training for inspectors**. Training included the definition and types of large transportable equipment, applicable legislation, the ADR type-approval procedure and checklists for initial inspection, supervision of manufacture, periodic and intermediate inspection, exceptional checks, and the requirements of standard EN 12972:2018. In end of January 2023, the group will arrange a **study visit in Slovenia**, i.e., a visit to a manufacturer of road tankers to examine aspects of manufacture and inspection of the equipment, with a view to developing guides to visual checks.

→ USB Chargers



The initial risk analysis revealed that 96 EU Safety Gate Alerts issued since 2015 exposing risks of electric shock, fire and burn hazards are associated with direct plug-in USB chargers. Users frequently charge electronic devices overnight with an increased risk of the connected device and the charger overheating. The project group intends to raise the overall safety level of these products and selected **120 USB chargers** for testing. The contracted testing laboratory will provide regular testing status updates. Product testing is expected to end in March 2023. In parallel with the testing activity, the MSAs are completing product checklists and reviewing technical documentation, including the EU Declaration of Conformity and test reports where applicable. The evaluation requirements are based on conformity assessment provisions of the EU Low Voltage Directive 2014/35/EU.

Communication and Outreach

PROSAFE's web portal www.prosafe.org and social media ([Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)) keep the target audiences regularly updated with news on the project progress thanks to effective communication complemented by infographics and visuals. The status of the activities was also communicated in other forms, e.g., presentations at the TPED AdCo group on 10 June 2021, at the LVD AdCo Group on 16 November 2021, at the GA AdCo group meetings on 21 April 2021 and 15 June 2022, and at the PROSAFE General Assembly organised on 31 May 2022.

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