

Support to the implementation of Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020

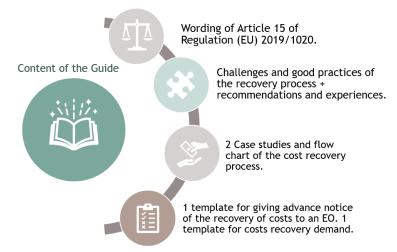
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Final Press Release

Market Surveillance Authorities now better armed to chase down rogue operators

For the first time, Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs), whose job it is keep unsafe and counterfeit products off our streets, can access a how-todo-it guide on how to recover their costs of taking actions against suppliers of products that are not compliant with EU laws.

Using this Guide, available to all MSAs as an easy to access download, and the MSA's corresponding implementation of cost recovery procedures can be expected to significantly lower the lack-of-testing-budget barrier as well as provide a form of sanction for noncompliant suppliers.



Final Conference

The participants met on 22 May 2024 to discuss findings and present the Good Practice Guidance they developed to support MSAs and EOs to comply with the obligations and requirements stemming from Article 15. The conference was attended by 20 representatives from MSAs, the European Commission, and ADCO Chairs.

During the conference, the participants emphasised the challenges that EU MSAs face when trying to recover costs from economic operators (EOs), the precursor activities needed to be undertaken to allow the recovery in the future for those that cannot, and good practices from an MSA that already has positive experience with the recovery.

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KEY TAKE-AWAYS

The Guide was developed by a team of MSA's from BE, BG, CH, CZ, IE and NL. It has already been distributed to more than 100 MSAs.

The legal basis for the guide is Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 on market surveillance.

DISSEMINATION

The Guide and the annexed tools were presented to the EU Product Compliance Network and 10 different ADCOs. Training on how to use these resources was also provided to these groups.

