

Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of
3 December 2001 on general product safety (Text with EEA relevance)

CHAPTER I

Objective — Scope — Definitions

- Article 1 (1) The purpose of this Directive is to ensure that...
Article 2 For the purposes of this Directive: ‘product’ shall mean any...

CHAPTER II

General safety requirement, conformity assessment criteria and European standards

- Article 3 (1) Producers shall be obliged to place only safe products...
Article 4 (1) For the purposes of this Directive, the European standards...

CHAPTER III

Other obligations of producers and obligations of distributors

- Article 5 (1) Within the limits of their respective activities, producers shall...

CHAPTER IV

Specific obligations and powers of the Member States

- Article 6 (1) Member States shall ensure that producers and distributors comply...
Article 7 Member States shall lay down the rules on penalties applicable...
Article 8 (1) For the purposes of this Directive, and in particular...
Article 9 (1) In order to ensure effective market surveillance, aimed at...
Article 10 (1) The Commission shall promote and take part in the...

CHAPTER V

Exchanges of information and rapid intervention situations

- Article 11 (1) Where a Member State takes measures which restrict the...
Article 12 (1) Where a Member State adopts or decides to adopt,...
Article 13 (1) If the Commission becomes aware of a serious risk...

CHAPTER VI

Committee procedures

- Article 14 (1) The measures necessary for the implementation of this Directive...

Article 15 (1) The Commission shall be assisted by a Committee.

CHAPTER VII

Final provisions

- Article 16 (1) Information available to the authorities of the Member States...
- Article 17 This Directive shall be without prejudice to the application of...
- Article 18 (1) Any measure adopted under this Directive and involving restrictions...
- Article 19 (1) The Commission may bring before the Committee referred to...
- Article 20 The Commission shall identify the needs, possibilities and priorities for...
- Article 21 (1) Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations...
- Article 22 Directive 92/59/EEC is hereby repealed from 15 January 2004, without...
- Article 23 This Directive shall enter into force on the day of...
- Article 24 This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

ANNEX I

REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING INFORMATION ON PRODUCTS THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENT TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES BY PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS

1. The information specified in Article 5(3), or where applicable by...
2. The Commission, assisted by the Committee referred to in Article...
3. In the event of serious risks, this information shall include...

ANNEX II

PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION OF RAPEX AND GUIDELINES FOR NOTIFICATIONS

1. RAPEX covers products as defined in Article 2(a) that pose...
2. RAPEX is essentially aimed at a rapid exchange of information...
3. Member States notifying under Article 12 shall provide all available...
4. When a Member State has informed the Commission, in accordance...
5. The Commission shall, in the shortest time possible, verify the...
6. Upon receipt of a notification referred to in Article 12,...

7. Member States shall immediately inform the Commission of any modification...
8. The Commission shall prepare and regularly update, in accordance with...
9. The Commission may inform the national contact points regarding products...
10. Responsibility for the information provided lies with the notifying Member...
11. The Commission shall ensure the proper functioning of the system,...

ANNEX III

ANNEX IV

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- (1) [OJ C 337 E, 28.11.2000, p. 109](#) and [OJ C 154 E, 29.5.2000, p. 265](#).
- (2) [OJ C 367, 20.12.2000, p. 34](#).
- (3) Opinion of the European Parliament of 15.11.2000 ([OJ C 223, 8.8.2001, p. 154](#)), Council Common Position of 12.2.2001 ([OJ C 93, 23.3.2001, p. 24](#)) and Decision of the European Parliament of 16.5.2001 (not yet published in the Official Journal). Decision of the European Parliament of 4.10.2001 and Council Decision of 27.9.2001.
- (4) [OJ L 228, 11.8.1992, p. 24](#).
- (5) [OJ L 184, 17.7.1999, p. 23](#).
- (6) [OJ L 210, 7.8.1985, p. 29](#). Directive as amended by Directive 1999/34/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council ([OJ L 141, 4.6.1999, p. 20](#)).