



Dansk Industri

Internal Market Policy Recommendations 

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# Improving the Internal Market for Products - Policy Recommendations

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# Purpose


- To present an assessment of the current issues related to the internal market for products
  - As experienced by Danish businesses
- To provide suggestions to improve the internal market for products

# Assessment

- Good framework for the well functioning of the internal market for products is in place
  - Harmonized and non-harmonized areas

# Challenges to industry

- Trend towards increasing demand for national testing and new requirements e.g. environmental concern
- Issues related to different interpretation of the law
- Difficulty to identify relevant information on requirements and the assistance needed
- Lack of harmonized standards to obtain “presumption of conformity” with harmonization legislation
- No efficient complaint system
- Insufficient market surveillance



Further  
action is  
needed





# What actions are needed?

- Commitment from Member States to the internal market
- A Commission that takes the lead in developing a culture of compliance

# Member State Commitment

- Thorough assessment of the need for national regulations and whether they are in line with the Treaties
- Acknowledgement of the principle of mutual recognition
- Strive for common EU regulation, including interpretation of the law
- Sufficient resources to support internal market instruments
  - SOLVIT
  - Information obligations, PCP etc. – Single Digital Gateway
  - Market surveillance
  - Engagement in the standardization



# Commission Commitment

- Takes the lead in developing a culture of compliance
  - Capacity building in Member States
  - Improve regulations etc. where needed
  - Prioritize resources to follow up on own obligations
    - Guardian of the Treaties
  - Publish standards in OJEU without delay
- Develop a more efficient complaint system
  - A fast track procedure at EU level

# In terms of this year's packages

- Most of the challenges businesses experience are addressed 😊

Enforcement package	Goods- package
Single Digital Gateway	Mutual Recognition
Single Market Information Toolkit	Market Surveillance
Action plan on SOLVIT	

- To solve the challenges businesses are facing we need to look at the internal market instruments as a system
  - A more integrated approach is needed

# System of internal market instruments



Market surveillance

Transparency Directive

Is the national regulation in line with EU law?

Communication on SOLVIT

Is the national regulation in line with EU law?

Fast track procedure

Mutual Recognition Regulation

When does mutual recognition apply?

=> overrule a national regulation?



Single Digital Gateway

# Alignment and follow-up

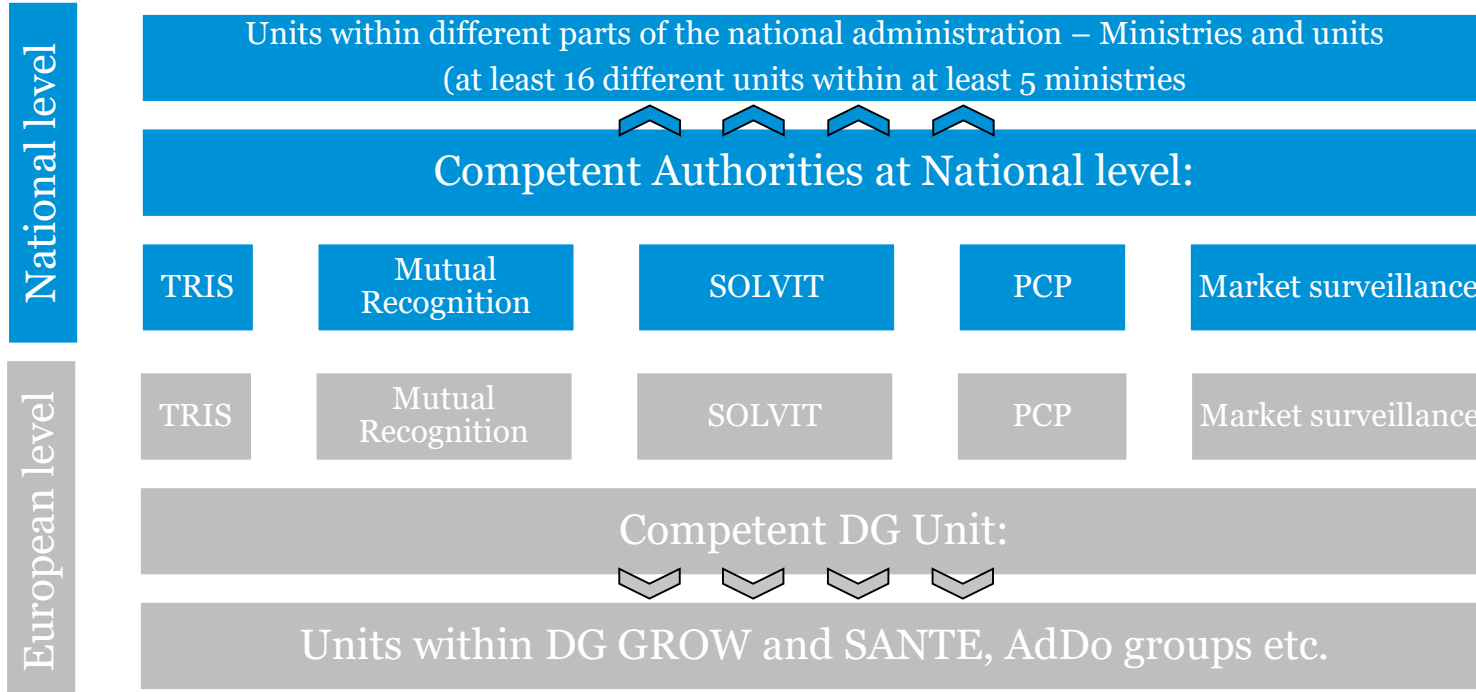
When a regulation is notified

When businesses contact authorities  
PCP - (SDG)

When businesses are contacted by market surveillance authorities

When businesses complain  
(SOLVIT – QAP- Appeal)

# Requires coordination across many actors



# An efficient problem solving tool

- Fast
- Help resolve challenges businesses encounter
  - Regardless the legislative framework it is linked to
    - Harmonized
    - Non-harmonized
  - Interpretation issues as well as issues related to national technical regulations, including the application of national standards, annexes etc.

# In conclusion

- Good framework in place for products
- But businesses still experience challenges
- Stronger focus on making the internal market for products work
  - Commission and Member States
- Need to focus on
  - Compliance and enforcement
  - More integrated approach to problem solving
  - A fast and effective complaint system that deals with all challenges
    - Regardless type of regulation or issue of interpretation