

The new EU General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR):

What does it mean for building hardware?

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Overview

- This EU Regulation 2023/988 increases the protection of EU consumers against dangerous non-food products sold offline or online.
- Applicable from 13 December 2024
- To have information on an economic operator responsible for it, located in the EU, as a contact point for consumers and market surveillance authorities.
- The obligations of manufacturers are already requested for CE marked products.



Scope

- All the products sold in the EU
- The GPSR requirements are already included in the EU directives/ regulations about CE marking, such as the CPR – Construction Product Regulation- , RED – Radio Equipment Directive- , or EMC – Electromagnetic Compatibility-
- Therefore, we should mainly consider our mechanical products such as cylinders, handles, non fire locks, ...



Obligation of manufacturers – Article 9 -

Products, packagings, or accompanying document must contain :

- A type, batch or serial number or other element enabling the identification of the product
- Manufacturers name, trade mark, the postal or electronic address of the single contact point at which they can be contacted.
- Clear instructions and safety information. That requirement shall not apply where the product can be used safely and as intended by the manufacturer without such instructions and safety information.
- Electronic means acceptable, such as QR code

Next steps for ARGE

- **ARGE will set-up soon an Ad-hoc Team to establish a guidance document for our Members about GPSR**



Take away from this presentation ...

- ➔ **Applicable from 13 December 2024**
- ➔ **Focus on non CE marked products**
- ➔ **Electronic means acceptable**
- ➔ **ARGE guidance document to be established**



Thank you!

Any questions and/or comments?