Question for written answer E-000145/2025 to the Commission Rule 144 Catherine Griset (PfE), Virginie Joron (PfE)

Subject: Simplifying requirements for trade in collectors' items

The EU General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR)¹ requires online sales platforms to provide an interface for sellers to supply essential information, particularly on the safety of their products.

These requirements are however proving burdensome for small businesses selling collectors' items such as CDs, DVDs or video games.

In its answer to written question E-001775/2024² submitted by Ms Joron on the sale of second-hand items on the internet, the Commission states that it will help businesses to comply with the GPSR, taking due account of their needs.

It adds that although antiques such as works of art or collectors' items fall outside the scope of the GPSR, the question of whether 'CDs, DVDs and video games fall under one of these categories will need to be assessed by economic operators and market surveillance authorities on a case-by-case basis'.

Does this mean that not only national authorities but also online platforms will be able to classify these cultural goods as collectors' items, which would clarify their legal status and simplify the obligations incumbent on small businesses?

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¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/988/oj?locale=f

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-001775-ASW_EN.html