Priority question for written answer P-002943/2024 to the Commission

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Subject: E-commerce platforms as 'deemed importers'

- 1. The ongoing revision of the Union Customs Code (COM(2023)0258), the removal of the customs de minimis threshold (COM(2023)0259) and the EU's VAT Directive (COM(2023)0262) entail the definition of e-commerce platforms being changed to 'deemed importers'. What does this change mean in practice?
- 2. The proposals also include the following: 'E-commerce playing field is levelled with traditional trade. The revised processes allow e-commerce actors to provide financial and non-financial information in a simpler manner and make them liable for it'. Does this mean that e-commerce platforms now have to provide data and be liable for that information, for example on chemical content, safety aspects and other EU legislation?
- 3. With that in mind, and with the revisions being made to the legislation in question, can we take it that the days of e-commerce platforms sending goods to the EU that compromise consumer safety are over?

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COM(2023)0258, Proposal for a regulation establishing the Union Customs Code and European Union Customs Authority, and repealing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013, p. 12.