Participants: (Amazon Art. 4(1)(b) ), Art. 4(1)(b) , (TRADE B1)

The meeting took place at the request of Amazon to share their concerns as regards the proposed regulation on the compliance with and enforcement of product safety legislation, part of the "Goods package".

They underlined that Amazon strives to be the world's most customer-centric company. They are committed to the safety of customers and they work to improve the ways they ensure product safety. In 2017 they removed 14 million products from their platform for safety reasons.

They were particularly concerned about the developments in the Council and the European Parliament as regards the proposed regulation on the compliance with and enforcement of product safety legislation. Article 4 of the Commission's proposal requires manufacturers to appoint a person responsible for compliance information in the EU. The co-legislators however seem to extend this obligation significantly but making the "responsible person" legally liable for product safety, without having assessed the impact of the change on business, in particular SMEs. Amazon considered this amendment by the co-legislators as discriminatory and disproportionate and that it will create an actual trade barrier for products to enter the EU.