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JAHARP2020 Triplet: a success story of cross-border cooperation for coordinated market controls

KEY TAKE-AWAYS

What was the JAHARP2020 Triplet

A two-year market surveillance EU co-funded Joint Action of 7 coordinated product compliance verification campaigns & 2 capacity-building actions

Key Outcomes

Over 54 dangerous products were removed or banned from the EU market (as of now, follow-up/corrective actions are still ongoing)

Better, more harmonised product market surveillance, new skills and new knowledge for the EU MSAs, and less distortion of competition in the Single Market

CAUTION! *The results stem from samples of products from the markets of the participating countries. As in most market surveillance activities, the results represent the targeted efforts that MSAs undertake to identify unsafe products. This means that the observed non-compliance rates do not present a statistically valid picture of the situation of the whole market. Tests were undertaken at accredited laboratories and focussed on those safety requirements that have the largest impact on consumer safety.*

The [Joint Market Surveillance Actions on HARmonised Products 2020 \(JAHARP2020 Triplet\)](#) successfully concluded their works with a joint online final event on 12 May 2023. The event showcased the achievements and outcomes of the three EU co-funded projects, coordinated by [PROSAFE](#), that ran from May 2021 to May 2023.

The projects involved 29 Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs) from 22 EU Member States and covered eight product areas: Gas cooking hobs and hot plates, Gas-fired space heaters, Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) on connected devices, Internet of Things (IoT) connected devices in cooperation with Customs, Tumble dryers including connected appliances, Non-refillable helium cylinders, USB chargers, and Tanks/Wagons for transport of class 2 gases.

The main shared objectives of all JAHARP2020 activities were, first, to remove dangerous products from the Single Market through coordinated cross-boundary market controls and harmonised enforcement, and second, to support the application of the Market Surveillance Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 with the development of common approaches and good practices, and also through synergies with relevant stakeholders.

The final event was attended by 62 representatives from the European Commission, MSAs, industry associations, consumer organisations, test and standardisation bodies, and market surveillance experts. It presented the results of the laboratory testing and the administrative checks on technical documentation, markings, user manuals and declarations of conformity, the training and capacity-building activities, the enforcement actions, and the empirical feedback to the European Administrative Cooperation Groups (AdCos) and the EU Product Compliance Network (EUPCN), as well as to economic operators and standardisation bodies.

The results demonstrated that the JAHARP2020 Triplet has been yet another successful example of how EU-funded projects can enhance market surveillance cooperation and coordination, also with third-parties (e.g. the industry and Notified Bodies), across sectors, and help protect the health and safety of EU consumers.

Checks on 457 products across all seven product-specific activities, including laboratory tests on 257 products, resulted in over 100 corrective measures against non-compliant

and unsafe appliances/equipment, affecting more than 150 economic operators. This includes 54 product withdrawals and sales bans to date – please note that follow-up measures are still ongoing for a number of products.

The number of products found with at least one non-conformity after testing, per product type/activity, is as follows:

- › **Gas cooking hobs and hot plates: 14 out of 27 (52%)**
- › **Gas-fired space heaters: 22/31 (71%)**
- › **SAR on connected portable devices: 0/30 (0%)**
- › **Tumble dryers including ‘smart’/connected appliances: 19/30 (63%)**
- › **USB chargers: 90/120 (75%)**
- › **Non-refillable helium cylinders: 15/19 (79%)**

In addition, almost half (98, 49%) of the 200 IoT products inspected in cooperation with Customs were found to have administrative non-compliances under the Radio Equipment Directive (RED) – no testing was conducted in this activity.

Laboratory tests and the assessment of results by the involvement MSAs revealed various risk levels, mostly medium and low for the majority of the tested products across sectors. Nonetheless, serious or high risks have been identified in a handful of tested samples of Tumble dryers, USB chargers, Gas cooking hobs and hot plates, and Gas-fired space heaters.

Product inspections and testing also generated valuable insights and recommendations for future market surveillance actions, together with useful consumer advice—this is published in the Final Newsletter of each project, see [JAHARP2020 Final Newsletters](#).

Finally, apart from contributing to improving the safety and compliance of products in the Single Market, all three projects also boosted the skills and knowledge of the European MSAs with 17 workshops (including two study visits), new replicable methodologies, and over 24 codes of practice, inspection tools, and guidelines that have been or will be disseminated to all EU MSAs via the relevant AdCo groups and EUPCN.

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A Layman’s report with the final results of the inspection and testing activities will be published on PROSAFE’s website, www.prosafe.org, in the next few weeks.

For more information about the activities of the JAHARP2020 Triplet, please visit PROSAFE’s website: <https://prosafe.org/index.php/en/joint-actions/current-actions/harp-2020>

The JAHARP2020 promotional video, marking the end of the action implementation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QaBTt_hn9AE

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