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Keep construction products out of Goods Package

*"Market surveillance in the EU needs improving and the problems of counterfeiting and sub-standard products in general need to be addressed. We welcome the Goods Package as a way of improving the situation. However, this package is not appropriate for construction products, which already have specific legislative measures. Instead, the existing measures should be reinforced and in the meantime, we call for construction products to be **excluded from the scope of the package.**"* This clear statement comes from FIEC President Kjetil Tønning, as the European Parliament considers its amendments to the proposals for compliance and enforcement on the one hand and mutual recognition on the other.

FIEC proposes specific amendments and asks for recognition of special needs of construction

Construction materials differ from many other products, as they are frequently installed by professionals and are not usually intended to be used as stand alone products. *"Market surveillance of the materials we use every day in the industry needs to be undertaken by specialists. Moreover, such products are covered by the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) and although we strongly believe that better control is required, this should be done under the existing legal framework"* says Tønning. *"Furthermore, the CPR requires a Declaration of Performance from the manufacturer and provides for other measures in the case of non-harmonised products. Therefore, the proposed regulations will confuse end users, who are already trying to deal with a complicated system of information provision, some of which is mandatory, some voluntary - with both EU and national aspects - in order to be sure that they are using the right products. **With this in mind, we cannot accept the Goods Package for construction products.**"*

FIEC's position on the Goods Package can be found at:

<http://www.fiec.eu/en/cust/documentview.aspx?UID=5825f305-8ba2-415d-ba84-dd9122cd0797>

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