

**Question for written answer E-015798/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Safety of toys

The department responsible for investigating fraud has published an alarming report. After having inspected nearly 4 000 establishments, including manufacturing plants, importers' premises, retailers, hypermarkets, Christmas markets and websites, the French Administration has concluded that 16.5% of toys failed to meet requirements or were dangerous. This proportion is, incidentally, rather similar to that identified in tests by consumer protection bodies in other European countries.

Before buying toys, customers are advised to check that they bear the CE mark, which means that the product complies with the safety requirements in force. This mark must be legible, visible and indelible on the product, its labelling or its packaging.

As manufacturers can voluntarily place the CE mark on their products, does the Commission endorse the virtually unanimous opinion of consumer protection bodies that it is necessary to perform more external inspections?

If so, what does the Commission propose?

Could the Commission, for example, reconsider peak noise levels, which are limited to between 110 and 125 dB – a level which is harmful to children, bearing in mind that the level of a normal conversation is around 60 dB?