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Press release

LightingEurope calls on the EU to maintain the level of ambition set by MEP Schaldemose's draft DSA report

The Digital Services Act (DSA) is the EU's opportunity to upgrade our rules for eCommerce and make them fit for today's reality. The eCommerce Directive was drafted 20 years ago, today eCommerce represents a substantial market which has grown even more with the current pandemic.

"The expectation of Europe's lighting industry is that the EU finally addresses the unchecked availability of non-compliant products online and clearly allocates liability to an economic operator within the EU jurisdiction. We very much welcome MEP Schaldemose's proposals to finally close this legal gap, which the European Commission's draft text did not address", says Ourania Georgoutsakou, Secretary General of LightingEurope.

"Products available online must apply with all EU rules. We must allocate liability not just for product safety, but for all product requirements, e.g. when a product does not satisfy ecodesign or energy labelling rules, or does not contribute to waste recovery and recycling fees. The EU legal framework must prevent the listing and/or re-listing of non-compliant products and making them available to EU customers," she added.

LightingEurope calls on Members of the European Parliament and the Council to maintain this level of ambition throughout the negotiation process. LightingEurope will continue to assess the proposed amendments to the DSA and places its technical expertise at the disposal of EU institutions to help shape these new measures and create a fair and effective regulatory and business environment.

For more details, read [our position paper](#).

Background

The European Commission published the draft Digital Services Act on 14 December 2020. The European Parliament and Council are expected to form a position by the end of 2021. MEP Schaldemose, rapporteur in the Internal Market (IMCO) Committee of the European Parliament, published her draft report on 1 June 2021.

Next steps:

- Amendments to be submitted by Members of the IMCO Committee by 1 July
- Vote in IMCO Committee scheduled on 8 November 2021
- Vote in plenary session in December 2021

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About LightingEurope

LightingEurope is the voice of the lighting industry, based in Brussels and representing 30 companies and national associations. Together these members account for over 1,000 European companies, a majority of which are small or medium-sized. They represent a total European workforce of over 100,000 people and an annual turnover exceeding 20 billion euro. LightingEurope is committed to promoting efficient lighting that benefits human comfort, safety and wellbeing, and the environment. LightingEurope advocates a positive business and regulatory environment to foster fair competition and growth for the European lighting industry. More information is available at www.lightingeurope.org.