

Information Note **Market Surveillance Support Initiative (MSSI)**

Electrical Infrastructures and Installation Engineering Industry

European manufacturers of electrical infrastructure and installation engineering products and systems that are members of national associations such as AFME, ANIE, BEAMA, FIEEC, GIMELEC, ZVEI, etc., themselves members of European associations such as ORGALIME, CAPIEL and CECAPI, agree to act more proactively in order to better support the national authorities in their market surveillance efforts in the framework of Regulation 765/2008¹, with a view to ensuring customer safety and fair competition on the European market.

To this end, a collective initiative has been set up with representatives of companies involved in the field of electrical infrastructures and installation engineering to collectively elaborate and implement pragmatic proposals/solutions for supporting market surveillance in Europe. This initiative is led jointly by CECAPI and CAPIEL and is serviced by ORGALIME Partnership in Brussels. Current participants are ABB, Benedict, Eaton, Hager, Legrand, Schneider-Electric and Siemens who invite other parties to join the initiative.

The initiative aims at elaborating proposals and scenarios to be developed and implemented under the above associations' supervision

The objectives are twofold:

1. The first goal is to bring together manufacturers to agree and develop proactive actions / initiatives for ensuring optimum customer safety and product compliance with European directives and thereby contribute to safety for customers of electrical equipment and to fair competition among market operators. The intent is to develop an initiative which would serve as a framework to achieve more effective market surveillance by the relevant national authorities across Europe.
2. The second goal is to foster the widest application of this new framework, as defined above, including through reporting unsafe or otherwise non-compliant products to the relevant national authorities. In particular, this initiative would strive to:
 - Improve market surveillance effectiveness and efficiency by contribution of all economic operators in European countries
 - Consolidate national reporting of unsafe or otherwise non-compliant products to national authorities under the umbrella of a European organization.

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¹ Regulation 765/2008 provides for a system of accreditation and market surveillance by the relevant national authorities relating to the marketing of products in the EU - <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:218:0030:0047:en:PDF>