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Market Surveillance Glossary update

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1. Introduction

✓ Title: Common definitions and terminology in Market Surveillance
✓ Current version dates of 2011
✓ Scope: Market surveillance of non-food products
2. Why to review the document?

- Challenge of internet sales and new actors on the market to put products on the market.
- Increased market surveillance actions worldwide to counter existence of non-conform (counterfeited) products on the market.
- More advanced concepts of market surveillance needed to increase effectiveness.
- To incorporate latest changes of terms/definitions coming from basic/other standards and regulatory documents.
3. Objective of the document

- To provide a global, harmonized set of terms and definitions to be used as a reference when drafting regulations, standards and other documents, with respect to the market surveillance of non-food products placed on the market.
- To be in compliance with the WTO/TBT agreement.
- To consider international regulations and other guidance documents.
4. Proposed changes

New terms

✅ Market survey

✅ Assessment of administrative or technical properties of products to assess whether they comply with the applicable requirements as laid down in legislation and standards. This includes, but is not limited to, inspection of marking and instructions, examination of technical documentation and testing of products.

✅ Conformity rate

✅ The conformity rate is the share of products on the market that conform to the legal requirements.
4. Proposed changes

Changed terms

✓ Market Surveillance
  ✓ = “existing definition” + timeframe when market surveillance actions are performed (e.g. legal metrology field)

✓ Product
  ✓ = “existing definition” + services
4. Proposed changes

Other changes

✓ Include food products into scope?

✓ Update introduction of the document
  ✓ Add history
  ✓ Purpose of the document

✓ Update list of documents used
5. Proposal for discussion and clarification of terms

Following terms may be explained in a separate guide:

✓ The state of the art
✓ The state of the art and technology
✓ Commercial activities
✓ Making available
✓ Voluntary action
✓ Consumer market
✓ Victims’ rights
✓ Procedure
✓ Professionals
✓ Destination country
✓ Second-hand goods
6. Preliminary conclusions & way forward

- To start with new working group in UNECE WP6
- Include consumer protection, legal metrology and food experts in working group

Timing:
- It should be feasible to have a first draft of the MS glossary ready end of 2018/early 2019.
- The guide accompanying the MS glossary document: TBD
Thank you