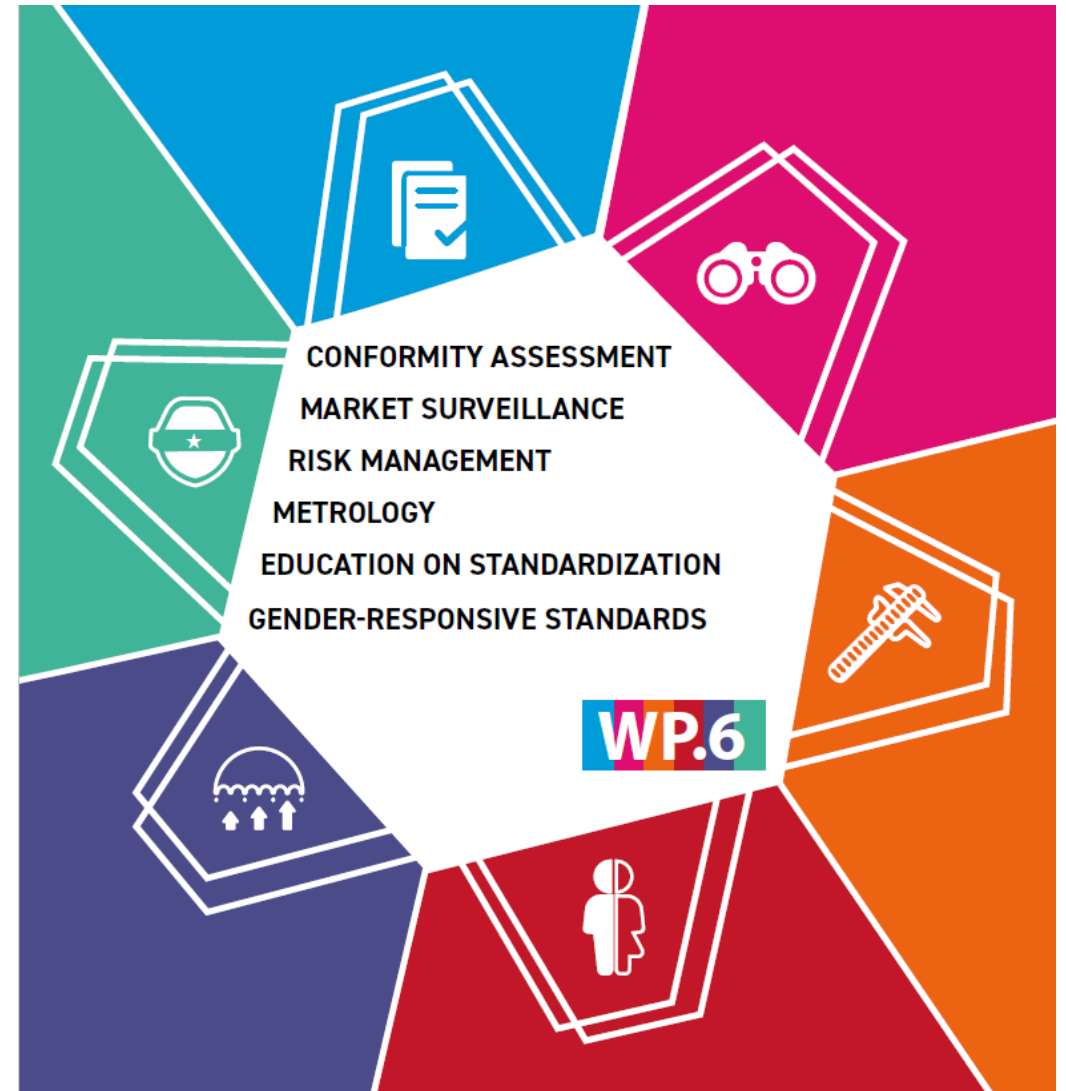


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Twenty-first annual meeting
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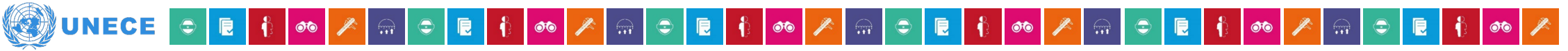


Key achievements in the past



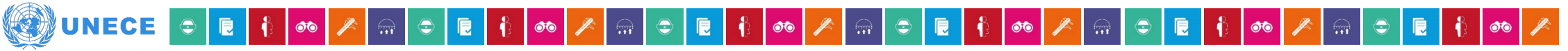
- Annual MARS Group sessions & Panel sessions, international forum
 - The main objectives - to contribute to the WP6 in line with developing and promoting global trade and economic cooperation, identify and share best practices and methods to prevent unsafe goods from being placed on the market, attract attention to the role and responsibilities of market surveillance authorities and ensuring other legitimate objectives
- Publications:
 - Market Surveillance in the UNECE Region
 - A Glossary of Market Surveillance Terms
 - Revised Glossary of Market Surveillance Terms

Key achievements in the past



- Recommendations:
- Recommendation N - Good Market Surveillance Policies and Practices
- Recommendation S - Applying predictive risk management tools for targeted market surveillance
- Recommendation M - Use of Market Surveillance Infrastructure as a Complementary Means to Protect Consumers and Users against Counterfeit Goods

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- Review for possible updates the Recommendation M on Use of Market Surveillance Infrastructure as a Complementary Means to Protect Consumers and Users against Counterfeit Goods and plan for guidelines on implementation of this recommendation
- A webinar on counterfeit products could also be planned in support of this
 - *WEBINAR: 21 February 2023 Market Surveillance role in combating counterfeit products*
 - *WTO - Tackling illicit trade in medical products*
 - *UNECE WP6 Secretariat-Background – History of Recommendation M/History of MARS and IPR*
 - *Experience of Serbian Market Surveillance Authority*
 - *Experience of Danish governmental cooperation and approach to enforcement of IPR infringement*
 - *Experience of the United Kingdom's National markets Group for IP Protection*

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- **Project proposals**

- Revision of Recommendation M on Use of MARKET Surveillance Infrastructure as a Complementary Means to Protect Consumers and Users against Counterfeit Goods

- **Project purpos**

- *Recommendation M was written in 2007. Since then the reference in the recommendation text (General Assembly decision 54/449 of 22 December 1999 (United Nations Guidelines for Consumer Protection, UNGCP) was revised on 22 December 2015 by the General Assembly. Also, other relevant UN documents, like the UNCTAD resolution adopted at the Seventh United Nations Conference to “Review all Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices” in July 2015 should be taken into account while revising the recommendation*

- **Project scope**

- *Update Recommendation M in order to align with current General Assembly resolution on consumer protection and other relevant UN documents*
- *Using more assertive language*
- *Develop a brief guideline for consumer protection aligning with the Annex (pages 4 to 18) of the General Assembly resolution 70/186 on Consumer protection*

- **Project team membership**

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- Review for possible updates linked to digitalization and sustainability the Recommendation N on Good Market Surveillance Policies and Practices
- Continue exchanges of experience in the area of market surveillance in order to identify and bring forward best practices in this field while further developing the network of global and regional market surveillance entities
- Enhance cooperation with customs agencies, with an objective to improve controls at the border and application of market access regulations
- Develop further the Market Surveillance Model Initiative Guide to the Use of the General Market Surveillance Procedures covering all phases of market surveillance from planning of inspections to dangerous product recall
- Develop a guide to clarify certain terms in the Market Surveillance Glossary

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