

# Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies

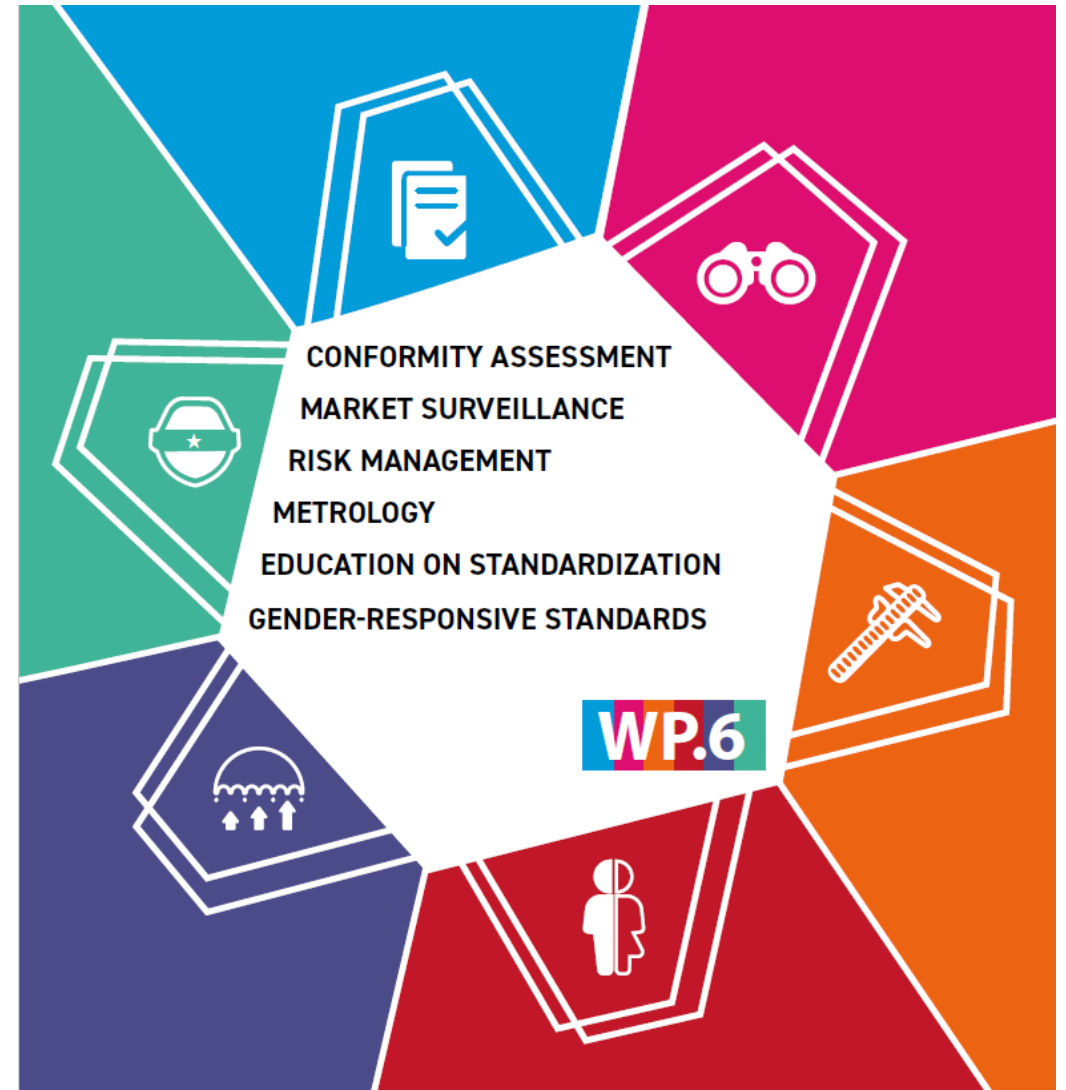
## Common Regulatory Arrangement (CRA)

Brief overview

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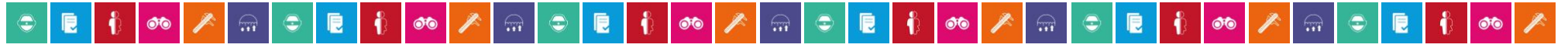


# Recommendation L on International Model for Transnational Regulatory Cooperation Based on Good Regulatory Practice



- Aims to further reduce trade barriers and facilitate market access
- International Model
  - Voluntary framework
  - Facilitate global harmonization of national or regional regulation
  - Designed to be flexible mechanism
- Recommendation first adopted in 2001, revised in 2015. Should be revised in 2024 to clearly integrate services.

# Common Regulatory Arrangement 5-part structure



## 1. Scope statement

- Products for which the CRA applies (with reference to HS code)

## 2. Product requirements

- Establish the principle issues of concern
- What requirements needed to ensure health, safety (human, plant, animal, environment)
- Detailed provisions how to meet the requirements (preferably through standards)

# Common Regulatory Arrangement

## 5-part structure



### 3. Reference to standards clause

- List of applicable international standards

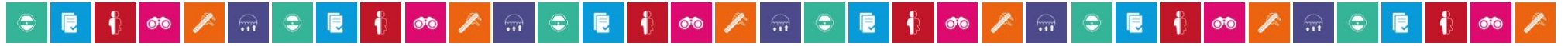
### 4. Compliance clause

- Provision on how compliance is demonstrated
- Possible options to demonstrate compliance (e.g. supplier's declaration, third party certification or inspection)

### 5. Market surveillance clause

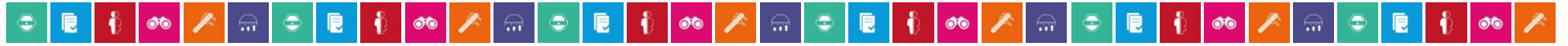
- Conditions under which a product is withdrawn from the market

# Four CRA to date



- EMM (2009)
  - CRA follows the five-part structure and then provides an annex that explains various éléments of the CRA in more detail
  - Called an objective (CRO) instead of CRA
- EEE (2022)
  - CRA expands the five-part structure (requirements split into three parts and conformity into two parts; annex lists applicable standards)
- Cybersecurity (2019)
  - Loosely follows the five-part structure (sections I-VI on scope, VII-VIII on regulatory requirements) but also proposes a structure in XI (which is not normal procedure)
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- Telecom (2004)
  - Does not really follow the five-part structure.
  - Called an objective (CRO) instead of CRA

# Revision of Rec. L



- A project should launch soon to revise Rec. L with the following objectives:
  - Clarify the structure and content of a CRA when referring to systems, processes and services (current text really targets products)
  - Decide on language to be used (arrangement, framework or objective)
  - Decide if Annex B should be retained
- Initial project proposal has been prepared; will likely be requested to launch in the coming weeks/months