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MARS – PoW 2024 progress

11. Market surveillance enables Governments to ensure that products comply with mandatory regulatory requirements. The Advisory Group on Market Surveillance (MARS) develops and promotes best practice guidelines that could serve as a reference framework for Governments.

12. In the area of market surveillance, WP.6 plans to conduct the following activities:

a) Update 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

b) Review for possible updates linked to digitalization and sustainability the Recommendation N on Good Market Surveillance Policies and Practices; a webinar on this topic could also be planned in support of this

c) 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

d) Enhance cooperation with customs agencies, with an objective to improve controls at the border and application of market access regulations

e) 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

f) Develop guidance related to the challenges for market surveillance in relation to products with embedded digital technologies

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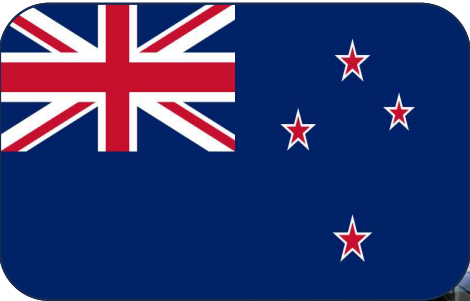
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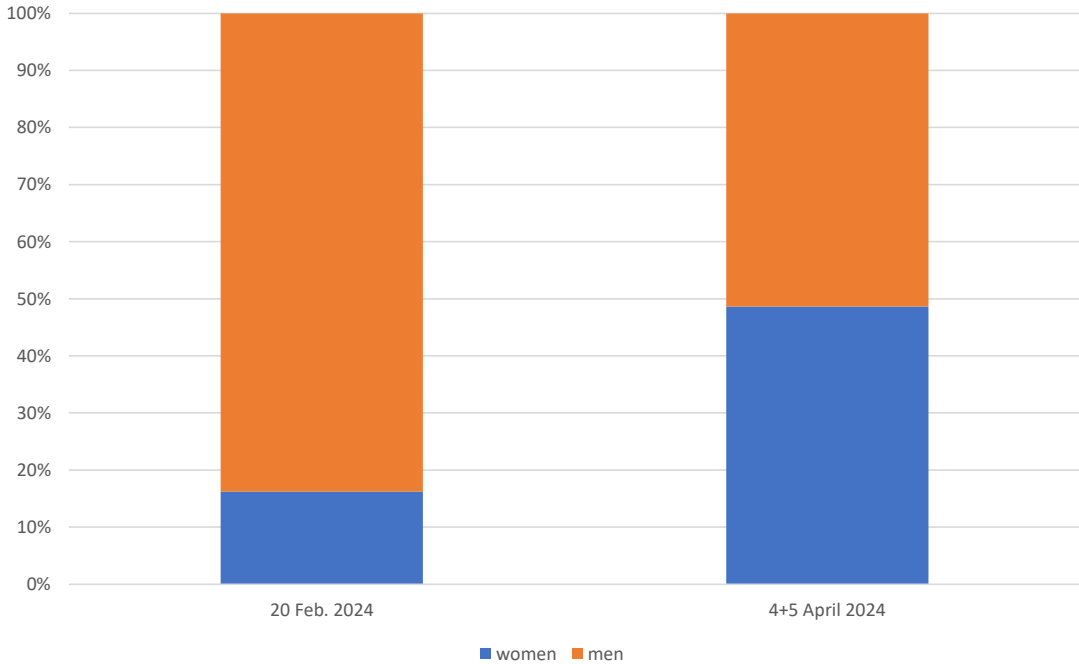
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