

The background features a large, abstract geometric composition. A large white triangle points upwards from the bottom left, partially overlapping a dark green triangle that points downwards from the top right. The intersection of these triangles contains a pattern of glowing blue and white bokeh lights, resembling fiber optic cables or a complex network. A small yellow triangle is visible in the bottom right corner.

# Safety in a complex supply chain

## Legal aspects for economic operators

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# Only "Safe" products shall be placed on the market

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"safe product" shall mean any product which, under **normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use** including duration and, where applicable, putting into service, installation and maintenance requirements, **does not present any risk or only the minimum risks compatible with the product's use**, considered to be acceptable and consistent with a **high level of protection** for the safety and health of persons, taking into account the following points in particular:

- i. the characteristics of the product, including its composition, packaging, instructions for assembly and, where applicable, for installation and maintenance;
- ii. the effect on other products, where it is reasonably foreseeable that it will be used with other products;
- iii. the presentation of the product, the labelling, any warnings and instructions for its use and disposal and any other indication or information regarding the product;
- iv. the categories of consumers at risk when using the product, in particular children and the elderly.

# Indications of a 'safe product'

## Essential Requirements

### General Product Safety Directive

Radio  
Equipment  
Directive

EMC  
Directive

Low  
Voltage  
Directive

RoHS  
Directive

PPE

Cosmetics  
Product  
Regulation

Toy Safety  
Directive

Batteries  
Directive

## Harmonised Standards



Toy safety

e.g. EN71  
series



Cosmetics

EN ISO  
22716:2007

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# Compliance without standards



Standards for analogous products and for different product components



What is the state of the art



Similar products on the market



Draft standards



Assess safety compliance early



Seek external technical input



Engage in proactive risk assessment