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For more information on the work of Trading Standards services - and the possible consequences of not abiding by the law - please see 'Trading Standards: powers, enforcement and penalties'.

In this update

Information about PRISM has been added.

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Key legislation

- Consumer Protection Act 1987
- General Product Safety Regulations 2005
- Consumer Rights Act 2015
- Decision (EU) 2019/417 *laying down guidelines for the management of the European Union Rapid Information System 'RAPEX'*
- Regulation (EU) 2024/3173 *with regard to rules on access to and operation of the Safety Gate Rapid Alert System, information to be entered in that System, notification requirements and the criteria for assessment of the level of risk*

< How PAS 7050, PAS 7100 and PRISM help businesses

Please note

This information is intended for guidance; only the courts can give an authoritative interpretation of the law.

The guide's 'Key legislation' links go to the legislation.gov.uk website. The site usually updates the

> legislation to include any amendments made to it. However, this is not always the case. Information on all changes made to legislation can be found by following the above links and clicking on the 'More Resources' tab.

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