



MSSI - Market Surveillance Support Initiative

Working together for safe and compliant electrical products in Europe

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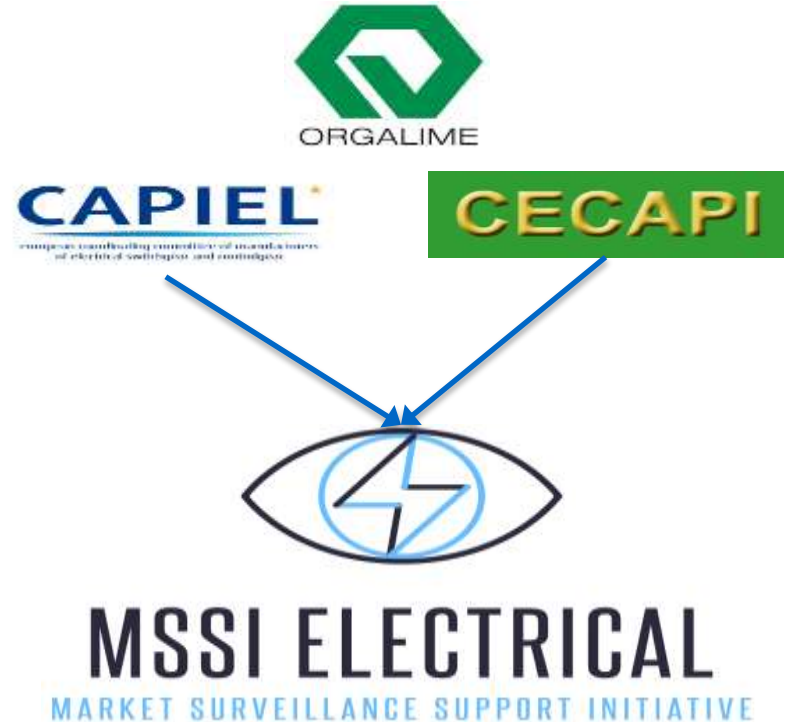
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What is MSSI?

A proactive industry lead scheme to monitor the market and support authorities to prevent non-compliant electrical products from entering the European market.

- Joint initiative from CECAPI and CAPIEL, supported by ORGALIME.

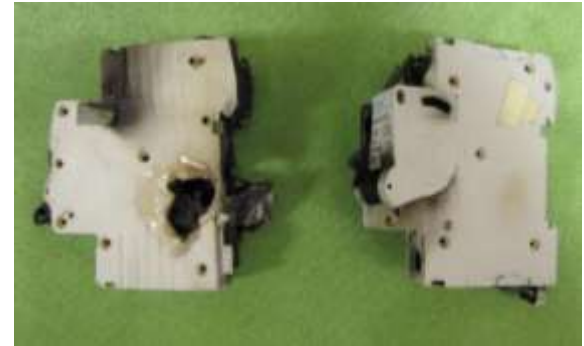


Why MSSSI?

Non-compliant products are a risk to

- People
- Property
- Goods

Can damage the reputation of individuals and companies within the electrical industry.



The real cost of non-compliant products



Every day in Europe

- Approximately 12 people die in house fires.
- 10 – 20% of fires are due to electrical faults.*

* Statistics from the EU Fire Safety Network and Forum for European Electrical Domestic Safety (FEEDS)

MSSI Overview

Objective

Working together for 100% compliant products and fair competition on the European market.

Approach

Proactive sampling and testing to support local authorities to take action.

Scope

Focus on MCBs, RCDs, MCCBs, SPDs, contactors, wiring accessories, and power distribution.

MSSI Charter

- Published charter of the MSSI objectives, obligations and commitments.
- Signed by MSSI members, industry associations and CABs.



Charter for safe and compliant electrical low voltage infrastructure and installation engineering products and systems in the European Union

"We strive for safe and compliant products in Europe!"

Manufacturers of electrical infrastructure and installation engineering products and systems based in Europe, their related European and national trade associations and accredited European Conformity Assessment Bodies (CAB) are joining their efforts to act proactively in the field of market monitoring. These organisations will do this by informing the relevant market surveillance authorities of suspected non-compliant products¹ and assisting these authorities in their investigation within the framework of Regulation 765/2008² with a view to ensuring customer safety and fair competition in the European market.

The above-mentioned manufacturers, trade associations and CABs have committed to cooperate in operational initiatives and activities in European countries to combat the circulation of unsafe or non-compliant products on the market, cooperate at European level and support market surveillance authorities in their tasks.³ In doing so, MSSI participants commit to fully comply at all times with all the requirements of antitrust law in the context of the MSSI activities.

Non-compliant (1) products represent a threat to people's safety, goods, property, and/or national economies and the environment.

- Non-compliant (1) products do not meet the requirements of safety/health/environmental/EMC legislation and consequently are more likely to be dangerous for users and/or fail to provide the expected or claimed level of performance.

¹ non-compliant products are products not in conformity with the applicable mandatory legislation (e.g. not meeting the requirements of the harmonised standard, with main focus on product safety)

² Regulation 765/2008 provides for a system of accreditation and market surveillance by the relevant national authorities relating to the marketing of products in the EU - <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/765/oj/consolidated>

³ This obviously includes the products of the member companies of MSSI

MSSI Members



MSSI Country industry associations

France -



Germany -



Italy -



Poland -



Spain -






UK -

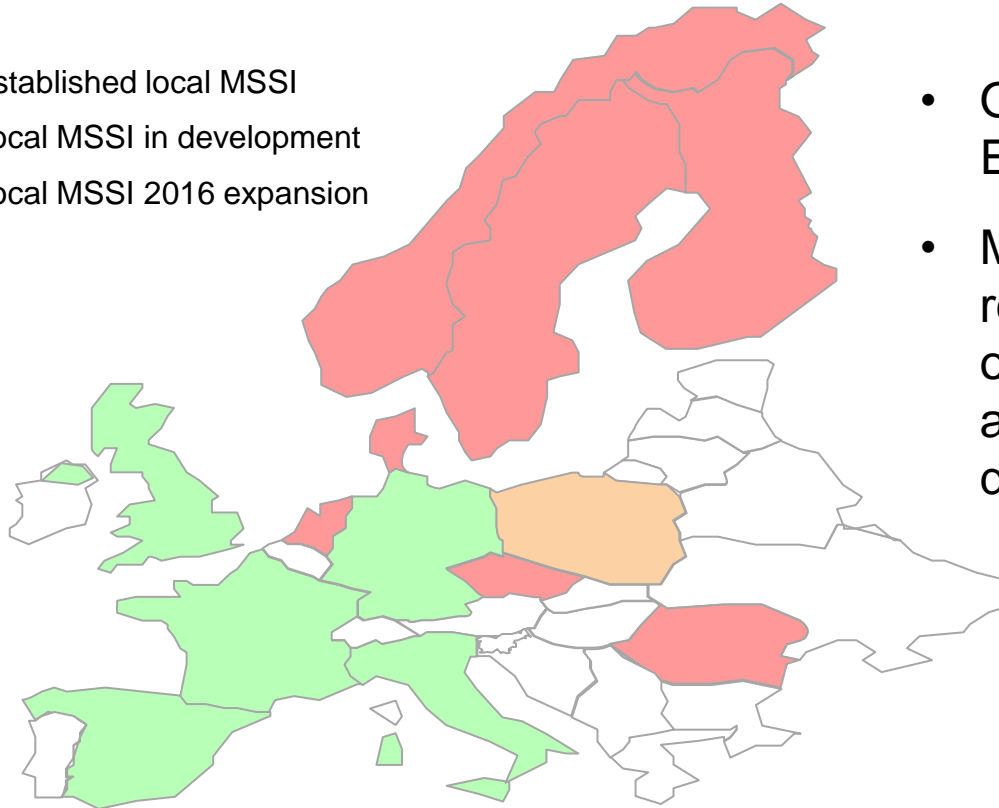


MSSI Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs)



MSSI Countries

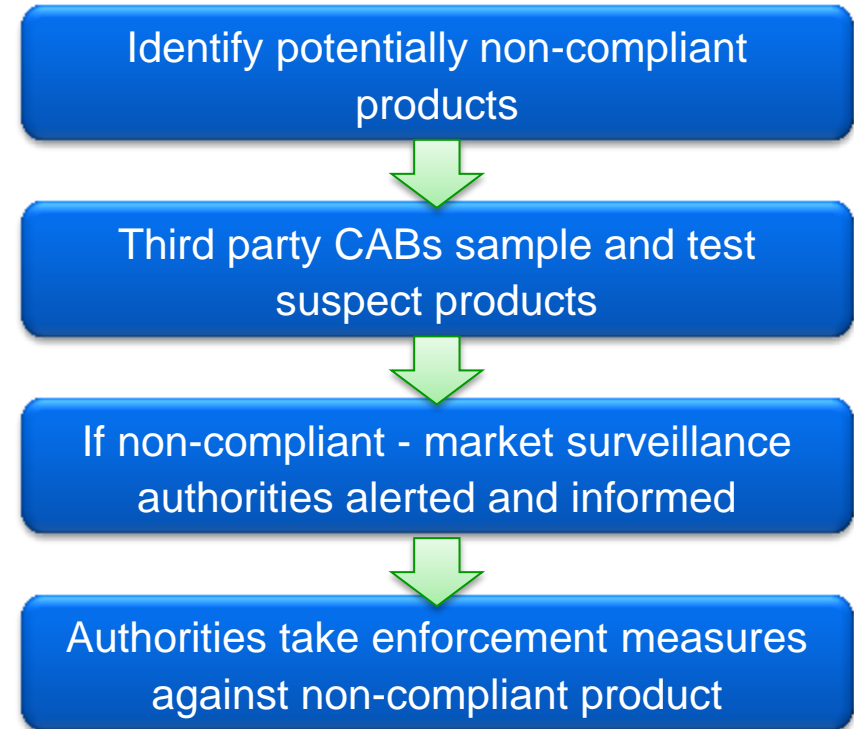
-  - Established local MSSI
-  - Local MSSI in development
-  - Local MSSI 2016 expansion



- Our objective is to cover the European Market
- MSSI Electrical wants to reach out to 'sister' organisations horizontally and to reach out across the distribution chain.

MSSI Process

- Local MSSI working groups identify products and manage the process within each country.
- Common approach across all regions.
 - Can be slight differences due to local laws.



MSSI – Reaching out to the industry

- Officially launched at Light & Building 2016 - Frankfurt
- MSSI Electrical website live with Q&As, information etc.
 - www.mssi-electrical.org
- Knowledge and information sharing throughout the industry – manufacturers, industry associations, CABs.



Industry wide responsibility



The whole industry has a collective responsibility to ensure only compliant products are supplied, sold and used.

- The revised Low Voltage Directive places greater responsibility on operators within the supply chain.
 - Importers, distributors and wholesalers assume greater responsibility for product imported into the EU.

Responsibilities of wholesalers

The European Commission 'Blue Guide' makes specific reference to the obligations of distributors within the renewed Low Voltage Directive.

- *The distributor is a natural or a legal person in the supply chain, other than the manufacturer or the importer, who makes a product available on the market.*
 - *Distributors are subject to specific obligations and have a key role to play in the context of market surveillance.*
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- If the distributor also imports product then the distributor also assumes the further responsibilities of an importer.

Risks and consequences for wholesalers



Product could appear to be good from the outside

Non-compliant - internally the reality is very different



Without proper due diligence product which appears to be good could be highly dangerous.

- May cause fire, injury and loss of life.
- Loss of business reputation and confidence in products sold.
- Fines by enforcement agencies.
- Even possibility of imprisonment.

Wholesalers play a key role

Wholesalers are a key link between manufacturers and installers.



- All products on offer **MUST** be compliant.
- Greater legal responsibility when importing products into the EU.
 - Own brands and third party brands.
- Influence buying behaviour of installers.
- Help to spread the benefits of buying and using proven safe products.

How can MSSI help?

MSSI can support through local country working groups:

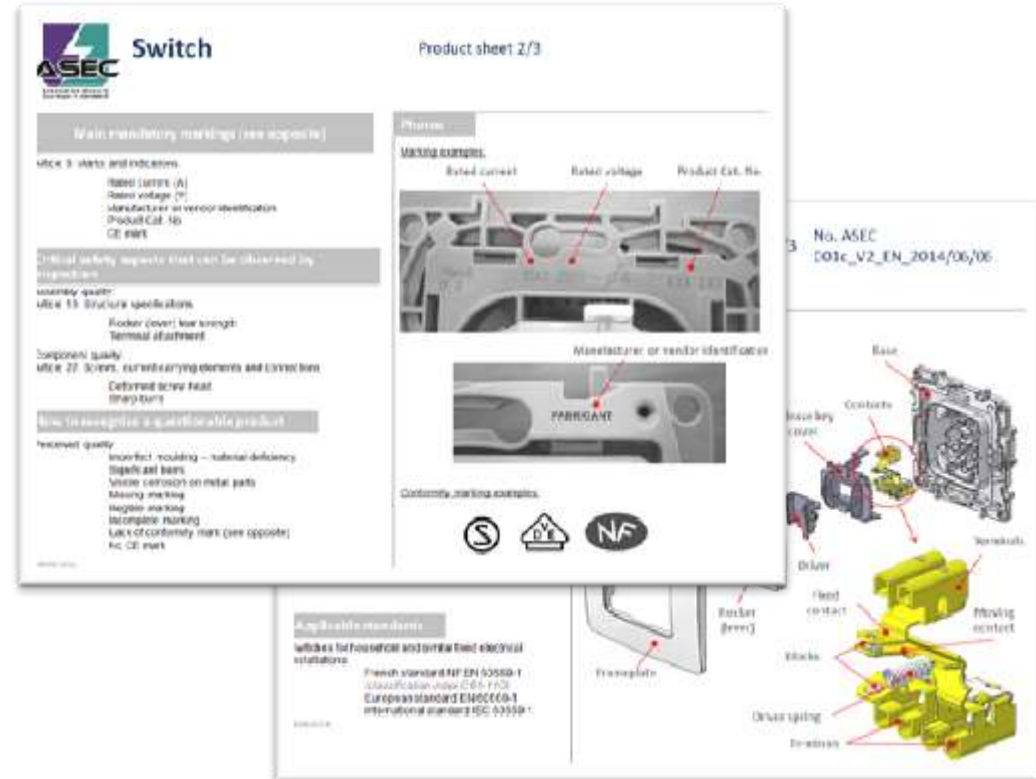
- Point of contact for wholesaler associations to report suspect product found within the market.
- Coordinate testing and work with CABs and local enforcement agencies to remove non-compliant product from the market.
- Collaborate with wider industry groups such as in the UK EMS – lighting, cables, installers.
- Provide education, training and guidance tools.



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Example guidance document

- MSSI working to produce guidance tools to help installers, wholesalers, customs authorities to identify potentially non-compliant products.



Benefits for wholesalers

- ✓ Maintain their reputation within the supply chain.
 - Ability to demonstrate they have taken reasonable steps to place compliant product on the market.
- ✓ Conformity to directives as a market operator.
 - As wholesalers, they will be compliant with new LVD requirements
- ✓ Confidence in product sold to installers
- ✓ Reduced cost of guarantees and risks of liabilities
- ✓ Increase the whole value of market





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