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National provisions are endangering the functioning of the EU Single Market

The EU Commission has recently adopted three guidance documents that aim to help European citizens, businesses, but also national administrations to fully harness the Single Market for goods. APPLiA welcomes this remarkable initiative to secure the continued functioning of the common market.

Nevertheless, several initiatives that are currently developing in France are going in the opposite direction. "We are keeping track of numerous French disruptive initiatives that are endangering the functioning of our Single Market, setting up trade barriers to the free movement of goods." stated Paolo Falcioni, APPLiA's Director General, when commenting on the release of the guidance documents by the Commission. Among others, the green dot, the triman logo and the microplastics filter initiatives. "We firmly ask that the Commission applies the principles laid out in these documents, reviews and takes appropriate actions on several legal initiatives developing in France." he continued.

National provisions are detrimental to the free movement of goods within the Union. On the contrary, harmonised rules preclude the adoption of such divergent national rules and ensure the free circulation of products within the EU. Legislative actions must be European in scope.

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