



Department for
Digital, Culture,
Media & Sport

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My Lords,

Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Bill: Report stage

I am writing to provide you with further detail on the issue of online marketplaces, which was raised during the Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Bill's Report stage debate on 12 October.

Lord Clement-Jones asked for more detail about the upcoming consultation. In 2021, the government published a Call for Evidence and, after careful consideration, it is developing detailed proposals for a review of the product safety framework. The government is reviewing the product safety framework including the impact on eCommerce. A consultation is being finalised, including proposals to take further steps to address unsafe products sold online. This builds on the Call for Evidence and Government Response published in 2021.

Lord Bassam, and Lord Fox asked about the scope of the product safety review. The government will ensure that the approach to regulating the *security* of connectable products works with the broader approach to product *safety*, including for products sold online.

If you have more questions or wish to discuss further, please contact my office at dcmslordsminister@gov.uk. I will place a copy of this letter in the Libraries of both Houses.

Yours Sincerely,

Lord Kamall