Martin Thursby Principal Trading Standards Officer

CE Marking Enforcement RIDBA Members' Meeting 16.10.19



- Local Authority Function
- All local authorities are different
 - Some more than others



Dorset Council Budget and Staff

- Revenue Budget £916 705
- Externally generated income £93 768 (10.2%)
- Total number of staff 19.82 (FTE)
- Operational staff 18.32



TS: What are we? Areas of Responsibility?

Product Safety

Food standards

Animal disease control/movements

Animal Feed

Petroleum ...

+ explosives site safety

Weights and measures

False claims

Counterfeit goods

Doorstep crime/ rogue traders

Underage sales

Scam victims

Buy With Confidence trader approval

Outcome measures 2018/19

- Complaints received 5670
- Complaints passed to officers for action 822
- Prosecutions (Magistrates and Crown Court) 13
- Formal cautions 16
- Proceeds of Crime Act benefit £101 611



Primary Authority

- Government initiative (BEIS)
- Response to complaints from national companies to inconsistencies in TS enforcement
- Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act
- General advice/audits/assured advice



RIDBA Primary Authority Partnership

- Complaint from Devon member re Dorset Company
- Survey of all Dorset based steel frame manufacturers
- Nearly all brought into compliance
- Contact from RIDBA seeking assistance with CE compliance problem
- Problem?



RIDBA Referrals 2018/19

TRADER LOCATION	DATE REFFERRED	OUTCOME
Buckinghamshire	25.9.18	Advised, MD disputes applicability of CPRs post Brexit.
High Wycombe	25.9.18	Advised in writing. No response.
Facebook/ Eire	25.10.18	Referred to Eire authorities. Did not consider themselves enforcement authority.
Doncaster	14.11.18	Written confirmation received that they have renewed their certification.
Wakefield	15.11.18	Company have verbally confirmed they are certified. Awaiting confirmation.
Dorset	4.18.17 (Decision made late 2018)	?



Problems

- Lack of ownership by TS authorities
- Lack of knowledge by TS
- Lack of resources at TS
- No central register of certified companies
- Outside jurisdiction-Eire/ N. Ireland
- Brexit!



No-Deal Brexit

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The Main Changes The Construction Products (Amendment etc.)(EU Exit) Regulations 2019

- Made 5 March 2019. In force-when we leave with no deal
- CE mark → UK Mark
- Commission → Secretary of State
- Europe → UK
- Harmonised → Designated
- UK notified bodies → UK approved bodies



QUESTIONS?

