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Sunglasses in the spotlight – NATCP to launch nationwide inspection

As spring and summer approach, more and more people are buying sunglasses. To protect consumer health and safety, the National Authority for Trade and Consumer Protection (NATCP), in cooperation with government agencies under its professional supervision, has launched a nationwide market surveillance investigation into personal protective equipment, with a particular focus on sunglasses. The purpose of the inspections is to ensure that products placed on the market comply with European Union and domestic legal requirements and do not pose a risk to users' health.

During the inspection, the authority will focus on verifying the safety and labeling of products, as well as the availability and compliance of manufacturer and distributor information. Market experience shows that there are still protective devices on the market that do not meet the relevant requirements and may pose a risk to consumers. The inspections cover products sold both in traditional retail outlets and online. Inspection sites include shopping malls, chain stores, retail shops, market stalls, and online stores.

In the case of sunglasses, laboratory tests will also be conducted to examine, among other things, visible light transmittance and the effectiveness of UV protection. High-quality sunglasses play a fundamental role in maintaining eye health, as they can reduce the effects of harmful UVA and UVB radiation. Products that do not provide adequate protection can even cause eye damage in the long term.

The authority pays particular attention to removing from the market sunglasses that bear incomplete or misleading labeling or that do not provide adequate UV protection. The NATCP's goal is not only to identify violations but also to remove non-compliant products from the market and to strengthen law-abiding market conduct. In the event of a violation, the Authority will, if

necessary, take the measures specified by law, which may range from removing the product from the market to imposing a fine.

The Authority would like to remind consumers to exercise caution when making purchases. Whenever possible, choose protective eyewear from reliable sources that is properly labeled and accompanied by information in Hungarian. Further information on selecting sunglasses is available on the NATCP website.

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