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BT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT GROUP

Decisions

The CEN Technical Board Technical Committees Management Group (BT/TCMG) held its 32nd meeting on 1st February 2007 at the CEN Management Centre.

The BT/TCMG made a number of decisions on behalf of the Technical Board at this meeting, summaries of which appear below.

NB. The following are summaries of the BT resolutions taken at the 32nd meeting of BT/TCMG. The full resolutions and referred documents must be taken into account. Individual BT/TCMG members are responsible for the circulation of the full texts of the resolutions within their organizations, and for providing explanations on their application at national level.

The next meeting of the BT/TCMG is scheduled for 31st May 2007.

Appeal - EN 14153 Parts 1, 2 and 3 (Resolution BT 1/2007)

BT decides not to modify EN 14153 Parts 1, 2 and 3 *Recreational diving services* as requested by AFNOR and considers the appeal settled.

CEN/TC 353 (Resolution BT 2/2007)

BT creates CEN/TC 353 *Information and Communication Technologies for Learning Education and Training* under the leadership of UNI and disbands BT/WG 183 *eLearning Technologies*.

BT/WG 195 - Report and recommendations (Resolution BT 3/2007)

BT approves the actions and policies recommended by BT/WG 195 *Revised machinery directive (2006/42/EC)* as amended by the 32nd BT/TCMG, and asks CMC to prepare a guidance document and make it available to the technical committees by 2007-02-14.

Limited lifetime of prEN – Dispatches 49, 50, 51 and 52 (Resolution BT 4/2007)

BT decides to delete 19 work items and sets a final deadline for 2 other work items.

Limited lifetime of prEN – Work items missed (Resolution BT 5/2007)

BT sets a final deadline for 2 work items.

Work item 00145026 - Request for derogation from BT 31/2006 (Resolution BT 6/2007)

BT decides not to make an exception to the current rules for the treatment of drafts in delay and confirms the deletion of work item 00145026 (*Rubber and plastics machines - Bandknife cutting machines for block foams - Safety requirements*).

Springs – BT Task Force 196 (Resolution BT 7/2007)

BT decides to create BT Task Force TF 196 *Springs* under the leadership of DIN.

EN 14502-1:2005 - Amendment (Resolution BT 8/2007)

BT decides to approve the amendment to EN 14502-1: 2005 *Cranes - Equipment for lifting persons - Part 1: Suspended baskets* and asks CMC to publish the amendment as a consolidated text.

EN 14502-1:2005 – Request for A-deviation (Resolution BT 9/2007)

BT asks CEN/TC 147 *Cranes – Safety* to consider the AFNOR request for A-deviation and, taking into account the discussion at the 32nd TCMG, to communicate its proposal to resolve this issue for a final decision at the 33rd BT/TCMG meeting.

Consultants – Need for improved Guidance (Resolution BT 10/2007)

BT decides to ask CENELEC/BT to agree to make CLC/BT WG 127-2 *Guidance on the tasks and responsibility of New Approach consultants* a joint CEN/CLC body at BT level (CENELEC lead).

Technical committee Business Plans – Follow-up of 31st TCMG (Resolution BT 11/2007)

BT asks CMC to establish a revised report and to send a letter, to the CEO of those NSB responsible for CEN technical committee secretariats which would not have provided a Business Plan, by end of March 2007.

TECHNICAL BOARD DECISIONS BY CORRESPONDENCE

BT decisions by correspondence

NOTE *The following CEN Technical Board (BT) resolutions were taken by correspondence in January 2007. The full texts of all the resolutions, and any documents to which they refer, must be taken into account. Individual BT members are responsible for the circulation of the full texts of all the resolutions within their organizations, and for providing explanations on their application at national level.*

CEN/TC 285 – Reallocation of secretariat (Resolution BT C67/2006)

BT reallocates the secretariat of CEN/TC 285 *Non-active surgical implants* to DIN.

Mandate M/334 - Conventional Rail (Resolution BT C68/2006)

BT:

- ◆ invites CMC and CEN/TC 256 *Railway applications* to schedule new work items so that that majority of the work in support of the Technical Specifications for Interoperability (TSI) for *people with reduced mobility* and *safety in railway tunnels* is completed within five years;
- ◆ asks several other technical committees to amend or revise specific standards to be in line with the 'second priority' TSI within five years.

Chairmanship - BT/WG 70 STAR (Resolution BT C69/2006)

BT appoints Mr. G. Rivière as chairman of BT/WG 70 *CEN/STAR* for a new period of 2 years from 2007-01-26.

Mandate M/386 – Geotextiles (Resolution BT C70/2006)

BT accepts mandate M/386 *Amendment to Mandate M/107 on Geotextiles* and allocates the work to CEN/TC 189 *Geosynthetics*.

CEN/TC 206 - Title (Resolution BT C71/2006)

BT agrees to change the title of CEN/TC 206 to *Biological evaluation of medical devices*.

EN ISO 9340 – Withdrawal (Resolution BT C72/2006)

BT noting the decision of CEN/TC 170 *Ophthalmic optics*, agrees to withdraw EN ISO 9340:1998, *Optics and optical instruments - Contact lenses - Determination of strains for rigid contact lenses (ISO 9340:1996)*.

Mandate M/395 – Characterization of waste (Resolution BT C73/2006)

BT accepts mandate M/395 *Characterization of wastes from the extractive industries* and allocates responsibility to CEN/TC 292 *Characterization of waste*.

EN ISO 21269:2004 - Withdrawal (Resolution BT C74/2006)

BT decides to withdraw EN ISO 21269:2004 *Hexagon socket head cap screws with metric fine pitch thread*.

BT Resolutions by correspondence (Resolution BT C75/2006)

BT approves the revised process 'Treatment of BT Resolutions by correspondence' and asks CMC to publish this revised process on the CEN BOSS.

BT Task Force 145 – Tyre recycling (Resolution BT C76/2006)

BT reallocates the convenorship and secretariat of the CEN/BT Task Force 145 *Tyre recycling* to UNI.

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CONSUMER PRODUCTS

Study

CEN/TC 252 *Child use and care articles* has developed 23 European Standards for a wide range of products, several of which are cited in the *Official Journal of the European Union* in support of the directive for general product safety (GPSD).

The European Commission is trying to identify other potentially hazardous child use and care products, those that cannot circulate freely in Europe and products not covered by European Standards and has launched a study to identify them.

The study will be conducted by *Laboratoire National D'essais* (LNE) and the European Commission will use the study results to prepare standardization mandates.

The study will take place in several phases, including a questionnaire addressed to Member States, consumer organizations, industry and test houses.

You can contribute to this study by contacting LNE (Eveline Domini, e-mail: eveline.domini@lne.fr)

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ENERGY

Experts

During its first meeting on the 24th November 2006, the CEN/CLC *Sector Forum Energy Management* decided to create two working groups to focus on:

- WG 1: Benchmarking in industry and other sectors
- WG 2: Energy certificates: brown (CO₂ emissions), green (renewable energy) and white (energy savings)

The Sector Forum has now launched a call for experts and project leaders for these two working groups.

Those experts interested in participating or becoming a project leader of one of these working groups should send an e-mail to the secretary of the Sector Forum, Mrs. Catherine Moutet (catherine.moutet@afnor.org).

Energy efficiency and saving calculations

The first meeting of CEN/CLC/TF 190 *Energy efficiency and saving calculations* will take place in Paris on the 14th March 2007.

TF 190 will work on the development of standards for common methods of calculation of energy consumption, energy efficiencies and energy savings and standards for a common measurement and verification protocol and methodology for energy use indicators. The standardization work of the Task Force is related to the need for a general framework for measurement and verification of energy savings established in line with Annex 4 of European Union directive on energy end-use efficiency and energy services (2006/32/EC).

CEN Members are invited to send details of their national delegates to Mrs. Petra Ballhaus (e-mail: Petra.ballhaus@nen.nl) by the 7th March 2007.

Meetings

Date	Meeting	Place
14 th March 2007	CEN/CLC/BT/TF 190 <i>Energy Efficiency and Saving Calculations</i>	Paris

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ENVIRONMENT

Environmental training

The CEN Environmental Help Desk (EHD) is pleased to announce a first set of dates for training courses on *Environmental aspects in standards* for standard writers (see Sector News January 2007 for details):

- ◆ 15th March 2007
- ◆ 17th April 2007
- ◆ 9th May 2007
- ◆ 5th June 2007

Similarly, dates for the training course on the European standardization processes for representatives of the European Environmental Citizens Organization for Standardization (ECOS) and environmental experts involved in standardization activities are as follows:

- ◆ 21st March 2007
- ◆ 15th May 2007

For further information, details of the programme and registration, please visit the CEN home page: www.cen.eu or directly contact the EHD (e-mail: benedicte.delloye@cen.eu).

Sector guidelines

Following a proposal from the EHD to review their environmental sector guidelines, two sectors – Pressure equipment and Sector Forum Gas Utilization - have launched enquiries amongst the relevant technical committees asking for comments which might result in the revision of the environmental guidelines.

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GAS

Sector Forum

The Sector Forum GAS (SFG) Nucleus group - composed of the chairmen and secretaries of the Sector Forum Gas - Utilisation and the Sector Forum Gas - Infrastructure as well as a representative of the CEN Management Centre – met in February 2007.

The Nucleus group usually meets once per year to consider topics and issues in the field which require co-ordination. This year, the group discussed the new mandate M/400 for standardization of gas quality, technical committee business plans and the new CEN/CENELEC Forum *Energy Management*.

The Nucleus group considered the need to review the guidance for assessing environmental aspects in standards for gas-fired appliances.

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INFORMATION SOCIETY STANDARDIZATION SYSTEM

Tissues and cells

The European Union directive on tissues and cells (2004/23/EC) sets quality and safety levels for the donation, procurement, testing, processing, preservation, storage and distribution of human tissues and cells.

Under Article 25 of the directive, the Member States have the obligation to establish a coding system for the identification of human tissues and cells, in order to ensure their traceability. The European Commission is also required to design a single European coding system to provide information on the main characteristics and properties of tissues and cells, which should be in place by September 2008.

A new CEN Workshop – launched under the auspices of the European Commission DG SANCO Working Group on coding of human tissues and cells – aims to produce a CEN Workshop Agreement (CWA) that will set out the specifications of a European coding system for human tissues and cells and how the system should be implemented. The code structure and the nomenclature will be the main focus of the work.

The Workshop is open to all interested parties. The Kick-Off meeting will take place on 13th April 2007 in Brussels. For further information, please go to the CEN ISSS web pages at www.cen.eu/iss or contact Barbara Gatti at the CEN Management Centre

Health insurance

Going to a doctor in a foreign country can be a difficult and sometimes very confusing experience. To help patients and ensure proper reimbursement of costs, CEN will begin work to develop European Standards which will facilitate the introduction of an electronic European health insurance card.

Since 2004, European citizens travelling within the European Economic Area and Switzerland can obtain a European health insurance card which simplifies the procedure for receiving medical care in another country.

This European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), which replaced the paper forms E111, E110 is currently only an eye-readable information document. It is now foreseen to create an electronic card (eEHIC) which can be electronically read in the premises of, for example, general practitioners, pharmacists, hospitals and dentists, when equipped with the appropriate card reader. The card reader will verify the validity of the eEHIC online.

The European Commission, Directorate General Employment has asked CEN to develop a CEN Workshop Agreement (CWA) that will lead to the creation of that electronic card.

In a first phase, the CEN Workshop will review, complement and validate the list of available or required standards. In a second standardization phase, the Workshop will identify any missing specifications required as part of the CEN Workshop Agreement.

The Workshop is open to all interested parties and the kick-off meeting will take place on 24th April 2007 in Brussels. For further information, please go to CEN ISSS web pages at: www.cen.eu/iss or contact Barbara Gatti at the CEN Management Centre.

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Critical information systems

On 7th March 2007 the kick-off meeting will take place in Brussels of a new CEN Workshop called *Best Practices for the Design and Development of Critical Information Systems (WS/CIS)*.

Critical applications are applications that are considered as strategic in order to meet business requirements.

The objective of this Workshop is to obtain a first level European agreement on best practices for market players to ensure quality in designing, developing and maintaining critical information systems.

The Workshop's scope is mission-critical management (or business) information systems. Domains related to mission-critical systems such as scientific, industrial (control-command...) and embedded systems will not be covered.

For further information, please go to CEN ISSS web pages at: www.cen.eu/iss or contact Luc Van den Berghe at the CEN Management Centre

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NANOTECHNOLOGIES

Health & safety

Nanotechnology, like any new technology, may pose risks for health and the environment as well as offering many benefits.

The European Commission is funding nanotechnology development as well as providing support for collaborative research into the potential impacts of nanomaterials. This approach is a key element of the European Union's safe, integrated, and responsible strategy for nanotechnology.

The development of new instruments for the assessment of exposure and new methods for evaluating the toxicity of nanomaterials are the most critical topics.

In line with European Union strategy, the 7th Framework Programme for Research (FP7), includes calls for proposals on a wide range of activities related to the risk assessment of nanomaterials. This involves the generation of quantitative data on (eco)toxicology, as well as development of nano-specific tests, exposure and risk assessment methods, and methodologies for life cycle analysis.

These activities will help reduce uncertainty surrounding the potential (eco)toxicity of different nanoscale substances, and provide a basis for meeting current and potential future regulatory requirements.

You can obtain additional information from the web site:

<http://cordis.europa.eu/nanotechnology>

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RESEARCH & STANDARDIZATION

CEN and the Preparatory Action on Security Research (PASR)

The European Commission's Preparatory Action on European Security Research (PASR) programme will bring together the necessary know-how and investment for the development of technologies that are critical for Europe's security.

The European Commission's Preparatory Action on enhancement of the European industrial potential in the field of security research 2004-2006 (PASR) focuses in particular on the development of a European security research agenda to bridge the gap between civil research, as supported by EC Framework programmes, and national and intergovernmental security research initiatives.

Given the increasing importance of security concerns, and in light of the successful implementation of the PASR, Security Research is now an integral part of the 7th RTD Framework Programme (2007-2013) – FP7, with a total budget of about € 1.35 billion (see details of the forthcoming security conference organized by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research in cooperation with the European Commission, DG Enterprise & Industry in Berlin on 26th & 27th March 2007 at these web sites: www.src07.de and http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/security/index_en.htm).

The enhancement of the European border security level will require a better interoperability of the technologies deployed at borders. The Standards for Border Security enhancement (STABORSEC PASR) project (with participation CMC) will result in technical standards that will support such improvement and contribute to the enhancement of border security levels. The project is led by *SAGEM Défense Sécurité*, France.

Similarly, CMC is also a partner in the SECCONDD PASR project (coordinator is Thales Research UK), which will result in a CEN Workshop Agreement for the technical interface between a secure container, or vehicle, and a data reader at a port or border crossing. The primary purpose of that interface is to enable law enforcement officials to determine where the container has been and whether dangerous items or people may have been inserted *en route*. A secondary benefit is that it will enable to interface with a cargo tracking system and to provide data for automated cargo handling systems.

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SERVICES

Meetings

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5 th & 6 th March 2007	BT/TF 180 <i>Services of Real Estate Agents</i>	Rome

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TRANSPORT

European Intermodal Loading Unit (EILU)

A hearing organized by European Commission took place in February 2007 with the aim of reaching a common understanding of the proposed draft directive (COM(2003) 155 final - 2003/0056 (COD)) on the subject of EILU (container designed for intermodal transport for inland-transport (rail, road, inland navigation and short sea shipping)).

The meeting considered comments on the draft directive raised in the European Parliament. The result is a stronger consensus on a series of parameters which would help the European Commission to develop further the draft directive. The chairman of CEN/TC 119 *Swap bodies for combined goods transport* and a representative of the CEN Management Centre participated in the meeting.

Consultant

Mr Nigel Saw will take up the post of consultant in the field of recreational craft on 1st March 2007. Mr. Saw has worked in the marine industry for the past 45 years, and has extensive experience of the small craft boat building, marine diesel engine production and an industry federation.

He takes over from Mr Paul Handley who gave valuable support in this position for more than ten years.

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