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Decisions from 69th CEN/BT TCMG – 96th CEN/BT – 172nd CLC/BT

Since the last issue of the BT Newsletter in June 2022, the 69th CEN/BT TCMG meeting took place on 5 July 2022 while the CEN and CENELEC BTs met from 19 to 21 October 2022.

We are pleased to report here on the main outcomes of crosscutting nature discussions resulting from those meetings, as well as on the latest decisions of transversal nature taken by correspondence (**until 1 November 2022**). For sectoral/Technical Committee specific matters please refer to your sectoral Project Manager.

Best regards

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Processes and operational matters

Coordination among Technical Bodies when developing Standards

Construction – CEN/TC 350 ‘Sustainability of construction works’ is a horizontal TC developing methodologies for the assessment of sustainability of construction works, including the environmental assessment of buildings and construction products. Among those, the horizontal standard EN 15804 ‘Sustainability of construction works - Environmental product declarations - Core rules for the product category of construction products’ provides core Product Category Rules (PCR) for Type III environmental declarations for any construction product and construction service.

Through Decision BT 3/2013, CEN/BT had already asked CEN/TCs developing product standards to take into consideration the horizontal rules of EN 15804 and encouraged the close liaison between CEN/TC 350 and product TCs when the latter were preparing PCRs.

CEN/BT has recently taken an additional decision, to be applied when a new Standardization Request (SReq) is being developed referring to EN 15804 and/or to quantified environmental characteristics of construction products or services:

- CEN/TC 350 ‘Sustainability of construction works’ shall be informed and consulted regarding the content of the draft SReq prior to its acceptance
- CEN/TCs involved in the execution of the SReq shall contact CEN/TC 350 to inform about the standards of concern and liaise with CEN/TC 350 to apply the workflow and templates of CEN/TC 350 when developing complementary PCRs, this in view of avoiding conflicts with EN 15804

Decision ref: CEN/BT 018/2022, applicable from 2022-07-05
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Construction – CEN/TC 250 'Structural Eurocodes' is in charge of the standardization of structural and geotechnical design rules for building and civil engineering works, taking into account the relationship between design rules and the assumptions to be made for materials, execution and control.

In case Standards related to structural and geotechnical design are developed by CENELEC, CLC/BT has agreed on the following approach:

- CEN/TC 250 has the overall responsibility for structural and geotechnical design rules for building and civil engineering
- CLC/TCs (products, execution) should refer in their standards (when possible) to the relevant Eurocodes parts, when reference to structural and geotechnical design rules are needed
- When CLC/TCs identify a need to include rules relating to structural and geotechnical design in standards under their responsibility, they should cooperate with CEN/TC 250 to ensure that there is no overlap or conflict in technical content
- In cases where rules relating to structural and geotechnical design have been included in standards by other TCs, a mode of cooperation should be established with CEN/TC 250 to transpose design rules to the relevant Eurocode part where agreed or, as a minimum, eliminate any incompatibilities or ambiguities

NOTE: A similar decision had already been taken by CEN/BT in 2014 and is applicable to all CEN Technical Committees (CEN/BT C36/2014).

Decision ref: CLC/BT 172/004, applicable from 2022-10-19

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Inclusion of national normative annexes in Standards

A new guidance document at the disposal of the Technical Bodies and NSBs/NCs provides clear rules relating to the handling of *national elements* to be introduced in a Standard when it is implemented at national level, with a special focus on *national normative annexes*. These annexes shall neither contradict, nor alter provisions of the related European Standard, and may be added only if the EN explicitly foresees this possibility, which is subject to BT approval.

In line with the Guidance document, when there is a need for national normative annexes in a future EN, the Technical Bodies are requested to:

- reflect this need in the text of the draft EN and seek BT approval, thereby including a justification
- upon request from BT, check the legitimacy of the national normative annex (in line with the provisions of the Guidance) and set down their assessment/findings, resulting in either the confirmation or the rejection of the national normative annex
- during periodic review of the EN, re-confirm the need (or not) for national normative annexes

The above provisions shall be applied for all new projects as well as for those under development (up to acceptance of FV draft i.e. stage code 45.99). The IT tools will be updated to address the BT decision.

The Guidance document is available in [CEN](#) and [CENELEC](#) BOSS under the section 'Drafting guidance'.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C106/2022 & CLC BT172/C052, applicable from 2022-07-01

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Handling of errors identified in CENELEC Standards

Since 2021 a Task Group (TG) under the umbrella of CLC/BTWG 128-3 'BT efficiency' has gathered and studied the most common errors in CENELEC Standards giving rise to the need for changes after their publication. Based on their conclusions, CLC/BT has agreed on defined procedures to address the most recurrent cases:

- In case of **errors in the text of the published Standard** (e.g. Annex ZA, normative references): CCMC shall issue a Corrigendum upon request (no BT decision is required)
- In case of **incorrect superseding information**:
A BT decision is needed to approve the supersession link and to issue a Corrigendum.
To this end, please coordinate with the relevant sectoral Project Manager in order to prepare the BT document seeking the BT decision.

- In case of **incorrect DOP/DOW**:
A BT decision is needed to approve the correct DOP/DOW and to issue a Corrigendum (to ensure that this information is correctly reflected in national implementations).
To this end, please coordinate with the relevant sectoral Project Manager in order to prepare the BT document seeking the BT decision.

Decision ref: CLC/BT D172/002, applicable from 2022-10-19

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Cooperation with EC/EFTA

Harmonized Standards - Assessment framework

The HAS contractor (Ernst & Young) has relaunched the processing of assessment requests since mid-October.

To present the novelties of the HAS assessment system, recap the tasks and responsibilities of the HAS contractor and consultants, as well as present the existing processes and flows, CCMC will give a **webinar** on **5 December 2022** (14:30 - 16:00 CET).

You can register by clicking on this [link](#).

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Harmonized Standards - Drafting

Issues with normative references (e.g. undated, withdrawn) in harmonized Standards are a common reason leading to lack of compliance HAS assessment or rejection of standards for citation in the OJEU.

To address this issue, CEN-CLC/BTWG 12 'Harmonized standards and the European Regulatory framework' developed a dedicated **Guidance document**, which has been validated by the BTs.

The document 'Guidance on normative references in harmonized Standards' is available in the [CEN](#) and [CENELEC](#) BOSS.

In the same spirit, a **webinar** on 'Drafting harmonized Standards - IR3 rules, requirements and normative references' will be given on **22 November 2022**, focused on specific drafting issues that have shown to potentially lead to lack of compliance HAS assessments. The webinar will be scheduled in two sessions, one for CEN and one for CENELEC Technical Body Officers and standards drafters.

You can register by clicking on: - this [link](#) for the CENELEC session (10:00 – 11:00 CET)
- this [link](#) for the CEN session (11:30 – 12:30 CET)

Decision ref: CEN/BT C127/2022 & CLC/BT D172/C059, applicable from 2022-06-22

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Machinery – To support the Technical Bodies in the drafting of harmonized Standards in support of the Machinery directive, a **webinar** was given on **6 October 2022**, explaining in detail the ad-hoc guidance document available in the [CEN](#) and [CENELEC](#) BOSS, and providing advice and good practice examples from experienced experts.

If you missed the webinar, you still can listen to the recording on [YouTube](#)

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Healthcare – To support the Technical Bodies in the preparation of harmonized Standards in support of the Medical Device Regulation (MDR) and In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulation (IVDR), a **webinar** is scheduled on **24 January 2023** (14:30 - 16:00 CET).

You can register by clicking on this [link](#).

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Standardization Requests

Since the issue of the last BT newsletter (June 2022) CEN and/or CENELEC have accepted Standardization Requests on:

- **Plastics recycling and recycled plastics** (M/584)
The response to this SReq will support the European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy. No less than 9 CEN and CENELEC TCs will be involved in the delivery of the requested standards: CEN/TC 88 'Thermal insulating materials and products', CEN/TC 134 'Resilient, textile, laminate and modular mechanical locked floor coverings', CEN/TC 155 'Plastics piping systems and ducting systems', CEN/TC 249 'Plastics', CEN/TC 254 'Flexible sheets for waterproofing', CEN/TC 261 'Packaging', CEN/TC 301 'Road vehicles', CLC/TC 111X 'Environment', and CLC/TC 213 'Cable management systems'.
Decision ref: CEN/BT C155/2022 & CLC/BT D172/C086, applicable from 2022-08-10
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- **Radio Equipment - RED** (M/585)
CEN and CENELEC have accepted this SReq in support of Directive 2014/53/EC and associated Delegated Act, while expressing strong concern to the EC regarding the challenging timeframe to deliver the requested standards (1 year) as well as the lack of clarity relating to the scope and applicability of the impacted products. The execution of the work has been allocated to CEN-CLC/JTC 13 'Cybersecurity and Data Protection'
Decision ref: CEN/BT C166/2022 & CLC/BT D172/C117, applicable from 2022-09-07
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- **Energy labelling and ecodesign of refrigerating appliances** (M/586)
The execution of the work has been allocated to CLC/TC 59X 'Performance of household and similar electrical appliances'.
Decision ref: CLC/BT D172/C087, applicable from 2022-08-10
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- **Accessibility of products and services** (M/587)
The work, in support of in support of Directive (EU) 2019/882, has been allocated to CEN-CLC/JTC 11 'Accessibility in the built environment', CEN-CLC/JTC 12 'Design for All' and CEN-CLC-ETSI/JTB eAcc 'eAccessibility'.
Decision ref: CEN/BT C171/2022 & CLC/BT D172/C132, applicable from 2022-09-14
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- **Measurement methods for industrial emissions** (M/588)
CEN/TC 264 'Air quality' has been assigned the response to this SReq, which also includes the development of extensive validation tests.
Decision ref: CEN BT C179/2022, applicable from 2022-10-05
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- **Safety of toys** (M/589)
The execution of the work has been allocated to CEN/TC 52 'Safety of Toys' and CLC/TC 61 WG 7 'Electrical toys'.
Decision ref: CEN/BT C192/2022 & CLC/BT D173/C016, applicable from 2022-10-26
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Next CEN and CENELEC BT meetings

2023-02-23 – 70th CEN/BT TCMG
2023-02-23 – 173rd CLC/BT
2023-05-23 – 97th CEN/BT
2023-05-24 – Common session of the BTs
2023-05-25 – 174th CLC/BT