

Notes from TC164 Meeting in Brussels on 31st May 2016

In attendance: 5 Germany, 6 France (including chairman and secretary), 4 The Netherlands, 2 UK, 2 Italy, 2 Sweden, 2 Denmark, 1 Finland, 1 Austria.

1. Chairman, Phillippe Humeau, CSTB, introduced himself and delegates introduced themselves
2. Minutes of the last meeting in May 2015 in Dublin were approved
3. **Secretary's Report** – (doc N3362) Karine Dari reported that, since the last meeting, 15 standards have been published, 5 new WIs inscribed and 11 prENs deleted. She identified the new convenorships for WG1, Nick Preston, WG8 (Werner Heinzelmann) and WG9 (M Leroy).
Alexandre Beltrao reported on recent changes to the CEN standards process including TC optional decision to go straight to public enquiry, working draft to be circulated within the TC within 4 months of activation of WI, enquiry 8 instead of 12 months, consultant present during formal vote.
4. **WG 1 - External Systems and Components** – Nick Preston identified his role as the convenor and added that ongoing actions, eg. EN801, were being covered by internet communication
5. **WG 2- Internal Systems and Components** – Volker Meyer reported (doc N3374) that EN 806-1 and 2 continue revisions but were hampered by accommodation of national variations and practices.
6. **WG 8- Sanitary Tapware** - Werner Heinzelmann reported on current status of standards (doc N3365) – EN 246 General specifications for flow rate regulators is under revision, EN 200 and EN817.
7. **CPD Mandate M136** – Manfred Fuchs, DG Growth, joined the meeting and explained the background. M136 was scheduled for withdrawal by the Commission over a year ago but was delayed by objections from the UK and Denmark, without identifying a replacement strategy, effectively removing the target. TC164 had achieved the development of horizontal test standards but there had been no progress with harmonised product standards. M136 was too big and complicated – it reflected what the MS regulators enforced. It needs to be precise but concise. A document will be sent by DG Growth to the SCC and SCS deleting M136 over the next few days and a new mandate, split into materials segments will be circulated for comment – an alternative may be to split into product groups, with a time schedule, for the 3 or 4 different product groups. The target is to withdraw M136 by the Summer with an alternative first draft for discussion by the Autumn. TC164 would then work on the harmonised product programme, using the horizontal test methods prepared by WG3 but leaving the acceptance criteria as these would be set at national level. The issue is not acceptability but the assessment methods. The DoC will identify that the product has been tested to one test method. This limits the trade barrier to specific national application requirements and acceptance

criteria. He stressed that the role of TC164 was to manage the technical issues and he would manage the regulatory issues.

The overall target is end of 2017 depending on obstacles but certainly 2018.

Current problems with M131 are with Manfred Fuchs to resolve.

The question was raised about products which are not currently within the CPR, e.g. shower hoses, Manfred Fuchs replied that this could be addressed within the revised mandate(s).

The attestation level was raised as some products may be less vulnerable than others.

Karine Dari and Volker Meyer explained that the convenors meeting on the previous day had proposed a model scheme based on a complex product. A pressure reducing valve was proposed and it was agreed that an informal AHG should be set up under Volker Meyer's leadership to conduct this task. The first conference call is set for early July.

There were some comments about the obstacle of the complexity of national regulatory requirements (particularly from the Dutch delegation).

It was mentioned that TC155 had requested exclusion from CE marking. Manfred Fuchs reply was that he was not convinced of the justification.

Manfred Fuchs was thanked for his presence and positive contribution.

8. **WG3 Effects of Materials in Contact with Drinking-water, (Supporting Standards)** – Hilde Prummel updated on the progress and programme of the various supporting standards (doc N3376). Work load is slowing down. Odour and Flavour (pipes) (EN 1420-1) has been published. EMG (EN 15421) has been discussed and agreed that the test method selection should be decided by the product group but WG3 is available for consultation if required.
9. **WG 9 - Drinking Water Treatment** – Mr Marroni reported (doc N3364) that there are 12 TGs of which 9 are active. 10 standards have been published since the last plenary, 6 are work in progress and 17 to be revised. They are working on standards for swimming pool application.
10. **WG 10 – Hot and Cold Water Storage** – Tony Frost reported that Convenor Martin Griffiths could not be present but prEN12897 - indirectly heated unvented (closed) storage water heaters is due to be published in the next few weeks.
11. **WG 12 - Flexible Hoses** – (doc. N 3373) Gunner Zeisler apologised for Mr Rudolph's absence. The Group has prepared a draft standard containing "state of art" manufacturing based on recent experience which is now out for formal vote. Mandate M/136 for flexible hose assemblies is stalled due likely deletion of Mandate M/136.
12. **WG13 – Water conditioning** – Gunner Zeisler apologised for Josef Klinger and reported (doc N3372). There had been no activity due to doubt about M136. However the WI for EN 14095, Electrolytic treatment with aluminium electrodes has been modified by the Danish manufacturer and is under consideration for a WI inscription.
13. **WG 14 – Valves, backflow prevention** – Tino Reinhart reported (doc N3351) which has 9 active WGs – EN 13077 does not have enough membership support. EN 1717 is under revision and has made substantial progress. The Umbrella standard is on hold awaiting conclusion from the withdrawal of M/136.

14. **JWG 1 (TC164 & TC165) – Buried Pipes** – Mr Monfront reported (doc N 3367) Structural design of buried pipelines under various conditions of loading - Part 1 was subject to discussion based on the proposal that only Annex B would be modified. The content of the annex was not clear.

15. **Environmental actions** – it had been agreed at the Convenors' meeting on the previous day (and endorsed at the plenary) that the Mandate to EN 805 standards, etc. was not relevant so there would be no reply.

16. Liaisons

- a. **TC402 – Swimming Pool** – has 4 WGs working on pool structure, water circulation, mini-pools and spas. 6 standards have been published.
- b. **TC426 – Domestic appliances used for water treatment not connected to water supply** – Mickael Talarmain reported that 2 more meetings have been held since the last TC164 meeting. A WI has been inscripted and final draft for enquiry is expected by October. The next meeting is in June at BSI London.

17. AOB

Alexandre Beltrao made a presentation on the CPR and CE marking process. Karine Dari informed that this was her last meeting as she is moving on to other work. She was thanked for her secretarial efforts over the years.

18. **Next meeting** – The next meeting will be on April 21st 2015 in Stockholm, Sweden with convenors' meeting on the afternoon of 20th.