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Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

Ecosystems III: Construction and Machinery

Standards Policy

Brussels, 4th October 2021

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS

set up by Regulation (EU) 1025/2012 on European standardisation

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 22nd MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2021

The meeting was held as a virtual meeting.

1. Point 2: Draft agenda

The draft agenda was adopted without changes/amendments.

2. Point 4: EU Standardisation Strategy

The Chair informed the Committee in some detail about the state of preparation of the work with regard to the upcoming EU Standardisation Strategy.

The EU Standardisation Strategy was initially announced in the Digital Strategy published by the Commission on 19.02.2020:

<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/content/european-digital-strategy>

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/communication-shaping-europes-digital-future-feb2020_en_4.pdf

https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/europe-fit-digital-age/shaping-europe-digital-future_en

The intention to adopt the EU Standardisation Strategy was put in a renewed context with regard to the lessons learnt of the COVID-19 crisis and aspect of single market resilience, international resilience and strategic capacity as well as the challenges relating to the digital/green transition of EU industries, as outlined in the Commission Communication on “Updating the 2020 New Industrial Strategy: building a stronger Single Market for Europe’s recovery” (COM(2021)350). The target date for the adoption of the strategy is Q3 2021.

A [roadmap](#) for the upcoming standardisation strategy has been published on the portal of the Commission’s ‘have your say’ website, with a deadline for comments until 9 August 2021.

At the request of the members of the Committee, the Chair announced that the Commission will explore the possibility to extend the deadline for the consultation of the strategy on the Commission's 'have your say' website.

The Standardisation strategy will address the following five main areas:

- The European standardisation system
- Better anticipation of standardisation needs
- International leadership in standards-setting
- Education/skills/expertise
- Services

3. Point 5.1: Publication of harmonised standards in the OJEU

The Chair presented in some detail the situation with regard to the publication of harmonised standards in the OJEU.

The Commission is in a constant dialogue with the European standardisation organisations in an effort to jointly improve the system and to introduce the right measures to further increase the rate of citation of harmonised standards in the OJEU.

4. Point 5.2: Functioning of the HAS Consultants system

The Commission presented in some detail the situation with regard to the performance of the HAS Consultants system.

The members of the Committee stressed the important role of the HAS Consultants as an interface between the Commission and standardisers. For a seamless functioning of the HAS Consultants system, a good communication among all relevant actors is very important. In particular, the experts in the various technical committees need to be well informed about all the different tools and possibilities that exist within the system, such as the possibility to request an assessment at a very early stage of drafting of a harmonised standard. They also need to be well aware of the legal and policy background of the standardisation work.

5. Point 6: Upcoming standardisation requests

The Commission presented to the Committee the state of play of the preparation of draft standardisation requests on batteries, toys, industrial emissions of CDDs/PCDFs and PCBs, gaseous mercury and formaldehyde, pyrotechnic articles, amendment to the standardisation request M564 on fertilisers, amendment to the standardisation request M567 on drones, rail system interoperability, accessibility of products and services, several draft standardisation requests in mechanical, electrical and electronic sectors of engineering industries and the draft standardisation request regarding communication exchange, electricity and hydrogen supply for road, maritime transport and inland navigation. The Commission might submit some of these draft standardisation requests to the Committee for vote via written procedure after the meeting.

6. Point 7: Formal objections

The Commission informed the Committee about formal objections that were launched before the end of 2012, as well as formal objections that were launched 2013 or later. There are in total 15 open formal objections.

Further, the Commission presented a draft Commission decision regarding the formal objection against the harmonised standard EN 15194: 2017 ‘Cycles - Electrically power assisted cycles – EPAC Bicycles’. This formal objection from the machinery sector was launched by NL in August 2019. The Commission proposes to publish the harmonised standard in the Official Journal of the European Union with the following notice: *‘With regards to its points 4.2.3.1 and 4.2.3.2, Battery requirements and respective test method, the harmonised standard EN 15194:2017 does not confer a presumption of conformity to the essential health and safety requirements set out in point 1.5.1, point 1.5.5, point 1.5.6, point 1.5.7, point 1.5.9 and 3.6.3.1 of Annex I to Directive 2006/42/EC.’*

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 13rd December 2021 (TBC).

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COMMISSION	15	
Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth	2	Austria
FPS Economy	1	Belgium
	0	Bulgaria
Croatian Standards Institute - HZN	1	Croatia
Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry	1	Cyprus
Czech Office for Standards, Metrology and Testing	2	Czech Republic
Danish Business Authority + Danish Standards	2	Denmark
Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communication	1	Estonia
Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment	1	Finland
Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances + AFNOR	3	France
Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy + DIN	3	Germany
Ministry of Economic Affairs	1	Greece
Hungarian Standards Board	2	Hungary
Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation + National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI)	3	Ireland
Ministry of Economic Development + UNI	2	Italy

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Lithuanian Standards Board	2	Lithuania
L'Institut luxembourgeois de la normalisation, de l'accréditation, de la sécurité et qualité des produits et services	2	Luxembourg
Standards and Metrology Institute	1	Malta
Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy + NEN	3	The Netherlands
Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology + PKN	2	Poland
IPQ	2	Portugal
Permanent Representation of Romania to the EU	1	Romania
The Slovak Office of Standards, Metrology and Testing	1	Slovakia
Ministry of Economic Development and Technology	2	Slovenia
Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU + UNE	2	Spain
National Board of Trade + Ministry of Foreign Affairs + PermRep	5	Sweden
Ministry of Trade	1	Turkey
European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC)	3	
European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI)	2	
European Association for the Coordination of Consumer Representation in standardisation (ANEC)	1	
European Environmental Citizen Organisation for Standardisation (ECOS)	2	
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)	1	

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European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)	1	
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Small Business Standards (SBS)	1	