

Notes CEN/TC 164 Plenary Meeting On 14/15 December 2010 in Delft, Netherlands

Tony Frost attended the above meeting which was the first at which the EWTA had recognised liaison status. Documents were issued prior to the meeting. These are available if required by EWTA members. The following are brief notes of the proceedings:

1. The Netherlands (NEN) host welcomed the delegation, calling for more efficient working practices in the TC and its Working Groups
2. **The TC164 chairman**, Dominique Olivier, sent his apologies as he was unable to attend due to an accident in the ice. This would have been his last meeting as he has now retired. A collection was made to recognise his contribution to TC164. Bill Harper chaired this meeting and the new chairman is Dominique Gatel, Veolia.
3. **Delegates** - IT(3),SW(2),UK(3),NE(5),DE(5), FR(4),BE(1),AU(2),FN(3),NOR(1), EI(1)
4. **Secretary's Report** - 211 standards/reports have been published, and there are currently 24 active Work Items. In 2010 - 11 new standards were published. 50 standards (published in 2005) are now within the five year review timetable - multi-part standards should be dealt with part by part according to the publication date.
The secretary stated experts in ad hoc groups and working groups will revert to the official list as nominated by member NSB's. Germany (WG 14) objected to AHG members having to be members of the WG - this would make the WG too large to handle and exclude informal experts. It was unresolved at this Plenary - WG Convenors will need to liaise outside of this meeting to resolve their individual difficulties.
5. **CPD Mandate M136** Product TC's will need to receive regulatory guidance and then have 9 months to prepare their work programmes. When these have been completed and accepted by the Commission, the mandate M136 will be considered as accepted by CEN.
Annex Z will refer to clauses in the standard dealing with contact with drinking water. Secretary will issue further information on the guidance material in due course and the CEN Consultant will need to provide guidance at each TC level.
4 MS Group will prepare guidance for product testing requirements which will be material-specific in some cases – at Commission level there is a sub group of the 4 MS Group which could provide further guidance. These Commission groups need to meet more frequently than at present to progress this work effectively - Bill Harper will press for this.
The CEN Consultant's role is to ensure that the individual product standards comply with the Mandate - these consultants work for the commission not the CEN TC's.
6. **WG3 Effects of Materials in Contact with Drinking-water, (Supporting Standards)** - Regulatory guidance was received from the Commission the previous week. Microbial Growth – because of failure to agree on one on method, a single standard with three methods to be prepared. Finland has objected and will propose a single test based on the combination of the three different methods. WG 14 and TC 155 agreed, regarding 3 methods in one standard as confusing. Regulatory Guidance proposes only one method per product. Multi-material products will be a problem - particularly for the individual component suppliers. Metallic materials progress is delayed and 9 month extension requested and no progress on cementation materials. GCMS - regulatory guidance is needed from the Commission to help identification of the leachate.

7. **WG 15 - Security** - Thomas Zenz was not present - Gunner Zeisler reported – the EC has now agreed to funding for this work.
8. **WG 14 - Valves** - Tino Reinhard - AHG 4 reconstituted to revise EN 13828. 14 standards re-confirmed in five year review.
9. **WG13 – Water conditioning** – Josef Klinger was not present - Gunner Zeisler reported - products now included in Mandate M136 Rev2.
10. **WG 12 - Flexible Hoses** - Meyer - work finished - sent for FV
11. **WG 10 – Hot and Cold Water Storage** - Martin Griffiths was not present – Ray Doughty reported - no meeting - no progress – no guidance from the commission on labelling energy products.
12. **WG 9- Drinking Water Treatment** - by Karine Dari - REACH requirements need to be reflected in the WG 9 standards - this will be done during normal 5 year reviews.
13. **WG 8- Sanitary Tapware** - Christophe Bochaton (new convenor) - AHG 9 will meet April 2011 (combined with AHG 10) - WG 8 volunteered to be a pilot group for Annex ZA drafting.
14. **WG 2- Internal Systems and Components** – Thomas Klumper was not present - Gunner Zeisler reported - EN 806:Part 4 was finalised March 2010, comments on prEN 806:Part 5 concluded and a revised draft will go to TC 164 for FV process. Problems with TC 312 on Legionella Technical Report over a conflict of health with energy efficiency. Denmark also has concerns .
15. **WG 1 - External Systems and Components** - Graham Kemp was not present – Ray Doughty reported – glossary of terms is progressing slowly and information requested - France has sent information.
16. **JWG 1 – Buried Pipes** - Monfront not present - no reporter at meeting
17. **Environment** – issue to be considered in standard drafting - training available for standard makers
18. **Liaison**
 - a. **TC 155** – Plastic Pipes - report on completion of hEN's - concern over 3 methods for microbial growth assessment - commission says one product/material-one test method is the rule
 - b. **TC 402** - Domestic Swimming pools and Spa's - some overlap with work of TC164/WG9
 - c. **TC 203** - Cast Iron Pipes - document on water contact WG3 objects - now abandoned as premature
 - d. **TC 388** Perimeter Protection - no report
 - e. **ISO/TC224** - WG6 Asset Management & WG7 Security - no report
19. **Next meeting** - June 28/29 2011 - Genoa, Italy - Feb 2012 in Eire
20. **AOB**
 - a. **Re-use of treated waste water** - no report
 - b. **Child Protective equipment** - no report