

**Notes on TC164/WG13 Meeting on 24th May 2011
at DVGW, Karlsruhe**

Present:

Josef Klinger (Chairman)	DE
Gunner Zeisler (Secretary)	DE
Ralf Bergman	DE
Tony Frost	GB
Manfred Hisch	AT
Knut Sauerbier	DE
Ralf Soknick	DE
Peter Tasser	DE
Veronique Tharreau	FR

- 1. Construction Products Regulation.** GZ outlined the current status and significance of the CPR. This Regulation replaces the existing Directive (CPD). Its significance is that it is set at EU level and not open to national interpretation in the way that Directives are. In fact, any transgressions will be resolved by the ECJ – not the Commission. It will ensure, for example, that the 4 Member States for which CE marking is not currently mandatory (UK, Ireland, Sweden and Finland) will have to enforce its application when the Regulation comes into force on 1st July 2013. It also contains a 7th Essential Requirement – Sustainability – but the significance of this to product standards is yet to be informed.
- 2. TC164 Meeting Report.** GZ described the proceedings of the last TC164 meeting in Delft on 15th December 2010 – including the retirement of the TC164 chairman, Dominique Olivier, and replacement by Dominique Gatel – also of Veolia. He also mentioned the controversial requirement raised by the TC164 secretary, that all AHG members must be members of the WG. This raises complications over the informal use of relevant expert consultants in AHGs.
- 3. CPDW.** JK described the 4MS agreement letter of intent which formalises their cooperation under a Joint Management Committee (JMC) but the initiative is not formally within the structure of the Commission. He drafted out an organisation chart explaining the interaction between the JMC and DG Enterprise. He described the formation of Product Testing Practices (PTP) as a subgroup of the EG-CPDW and circulated minutes of their meeting on 7th April 2011.
It was also reported that a joint working group has been set up between WG3 and WG9 to address the test standard for ion exchange resins EN 12873-3 and the French standard AFNOR T90-601, which is preferred by the manufacturers. The joint working group will be chaired by Stefan Neumann of Lanxess.

4. **Water Treatment Media** The list of media prepared by TF and added to by LC for the previous meeting was raised again and it was agreed that the list should be left in its condensed form until more progress with the CPD has been evidenced.
5. **Spanish Standard UNI 149101**, was raised by KS. It sets requirements for materials for, and possible testing of, water conditioning equipment. Some of the requirements are contrary to the Drinking Water Directive and others contravened the standstill on WG3 test methods. RB, MH and VT were against challenging it. JS proposed that the letter prepared by TF/LC for the last meeting should be sent to WG3.
6. **Structural Tests.** The proposal to harmonise the structural/mechanical testing procedure for the 9 WG13 product standards, was again raised since this may be of relevance when the Annex ZA is drafted for each standard for in compliance with the Mandate M/136. It was again agreed to leave this proposal until further progress is made with the CPDW.
7. The **next meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday 21st March 2012 based on the unlikelihood that there will be significant progress with the CPDW in the interim. A spontaneous meeting will be call if there is the obvious need. It was requested that the venue could be UK and TF agreed to investigate.

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