

Notes CEN/TC 164 Plenary Meeting On 1st/2nd February 2012 in Bonn, Germany

Tony Frost attended the above meeting on behalf of the EWTA as a liaison status member. Documents were issued prior to the meeting. More information is available if required by EWTA members. The following are brief notes of the proceedings:

1. Germany (DVGW) host, Thomas Klumper, welcomed the delegation.
2. **Delegates** – There were 33 delegates present: 7 from Germany, 7 France (including chairman and secretary), 6 The Netherlands, 5 UK, 2 Sweden, 2 Denmark, 1 Finland, 1 Spain plus a delegate from CEN.
3. **Secretary's Report** - 212 standards/reports have been published, and there are 73 drafts, 32 new work items and some standards up for 5 year review.
4. **CPD Mandate M136** – Bill Harper – AHG1 (WG convenors) met last November to coordinate update of the reply to the Mandate. The CEN consultant Bedotti will receive the reply. CEN will only accept based on the Commission's reply. EU expert group is developing guidance for TC164. A meeting with the CEN consultant is planned.
The 4MS group continues to work on the "common approach". The single positive list for organics (based on the 3MS) is well advanced, cementitious more difficult but draft expected in couple of months. Commission will prepare a list of tests for specific products.
5. **WG 1 - External Systems and Components** – Les Metcalf (SW Water) attended as new convenor. Glossary of terms is the only agenda item – information has been received from Austria and France.
6. **WG 2- Internal Systems and Components** – Thomas Klumper reported on liaison with TC 312 with the Legionella Technical Report relating to hygiene issues with solar panels – TR 16355 now agreed. 806-5 has been approved and publication is imminent. 806-1 and 2 are up for 5 year review.
7. **WG3 Effects of Materials in Contact with Drinking-water, (Supporting Standards)** – Jan Luijten updated on the progress and programme of the various supporting standards.
The EMG standard with three microbial growth test methods (MDOD, ATP and W270) which has been objected to by Italy and Finland will be the subject of a seminar in Helsinki in May.
The Unsuspected Substances standard GCMS, prEN 15786 has been proposed for CEN enquiry.
The resins testing standard EN 12873-3 is being revised to bring it more into line with the AFNOR standard 60-901 with representation from WG9 and WG13.
WG3 has reacted to the objection to the Spanish standard UNE 149101(see below).
8. **WG 8- Sanitary Tapware** - Christophe Bochaton – reported on current status of standards – they obtained approval for revision of EN111 (thermostatic mixing valves) and EN1287 (low pressure thermostatic mixing valves).
9. **WG 9 - Drinking Water Treatment** – convenor Maroni not present – 56 items under various stages of review. Second enquiry for zeolites requested.

10. **WG 10 – Hot and Cold Water Storage** – Convenor Martin Griffith was present –work on the revision to EN12897 will commence when the Commission provides guidance relating to the energy (heat loss) classification of indirectly heated hot water tanks under the ErP Directive expected available first quarter of 2012.
11. **WG 12 - Flexible Hoses** –EN13618 is published. No other current activities.
12. **WG13 – Water conditioning** – Josef Klinger reported on the last meeting of 7th November 2011 with the main subject being the WG13 contribution to the TC164 response to Mandate M136 Rev2. One issue is the listing of WG13 products under Kits and Under Pumps. The next meeting is in March 2012 in London. Regarding the German proposal to delete EN14095, Electrolytic Dosing with Aluminium Anodes, Helle Mickleson of Guldager was present and will attend the next WG13 meeting to address proposed amendments to this standard.

The objection to AENOR standard149101 was discussed under any other business. Carlos Meseguer was in attendance and outlined the background and development of the standard which had previously been transmitted by AENOR in writing. The MoH required its preparation to comply with the Water Decree which “requires pre-authorisation” –but it is still maintained to be voluntary and therefore not a barrier to trade.

The AENOR mirror group 149 will respond to TC164 objections and make appropriate changes. They have a meeting with the MoH in February to explain the objections. The issue will be raised in the WG3 and WG13 meetings, both of which will be held in March. Consequently debate was limited at this TC164 meeting but Jan Luijstens stressed that it conflicts with WG3 standards and is a hybrid in that it check that water supply parameter have not deteriorated as a consequence of use of the device – rather than looking specifically for influence of the materials.

13. **WG 14 – Valves, backflow prevention** – Tino Reinhart reported on the progress with the various standards and revisions for valves and fittings. A standard for polymer housings is also in preparation.
14. **WG 15 - Security** - Thomas Zenz not present. Gunner Zeisler reported that Crisis Management is complete and Risk Management is in progress.
15. **WG 4,7 and 14** defunct by resolution.
16. **JWG 1 – Buried Pipes** - Monfront not present – EN1295 part 4 of the standard, Parameters of Design, started as a Technical report.
17. **Liaison**
 - a. **TC 155** – Plastic Pipes – no report
 - b. **TC 402** - Domestic Swimming pools and Spa's – no report
 - c. **ISO/TC224** - WG6 Asset Management & WG7 Security – terminology draft prepared.
18. **AOB**
 - a. **Spanish standard UNE 149101** – see WG13 above
19. **Next meeting** – not finalised.
20. Due to failure to arrange the translator for this TC 164 meeting it was held in English only. Consequently, it was finished by 4.30 pm on the first day.