

**Notes on TC164/WG13 Meeting on 25th October 2012
at TZW, Karlsruhe, Germany**

Present:

Josef Klinger (Chairman)	DE	Tony Frost	UK
Gunner Zeisler (Secretary)	DE	Philippe Giron	FR
Ralph Bergman	DE	Knut Sauerbier	DE
Luciano Coccagna	IT	Ralf Soecknick	DE
Yves Desplenter	BE	Mickael Talarmain	FR

Giancarlo Bedotti CEN Consultant

1. **Dinner** was held the evening before – courtesy of the FIGAWA for which thanks were expressed.
2. **Previous Meeting** – was held on the 21st March 2012 in Chiswick.
3. **Mandate M/136 - CPDW.** Mr Bedotti (CEN Consultant) had been invited to attend in order to explain some of the points raised at the AHG1 meeting in July.

The main issues are:

- a. Categorisation – water conditioning equipment is listed in the Mandate under both “Kits” (family 1) and “Pumps and valves” (family 7) in the mandate which is confusing. It was agreed that they should be under “Pumps and Valves” only as the requirements for mechanical testing need not be specified in the Annex ZA for the harmonised product standards. Mr Bedotti advised that this is a matter for the WG13 experts to decide.
- b. Compliance of a system will be accepted if all components are compliant is clear from the minutes of the AHG1 meeting but other documents imply that a product assembled from components must be tested as a whole. This is point is crucial to complex products such as softeners and was included in the draft M136 reply but deleted in the latest version.
- c. Regarding “umbrella standards”, Mr Bedotti informed that they are not appropriate because all requirements and criteria for assessment, whether voluntary or mandatory, must be identical. This is not the case for the various water treatment products so individual hENs must be produced.
- d. It is essential that active media such as resins, membranes, activated carbon, etc. are included, as they can affect the quality of the water. The proposal was made for a cooperation between WG3 and WG9 for the supporting standards – this should be raised at TC164. The revised M136 reply will contain a preliminary list.

- e. Mr Bedotti referred to the template for response which had already been filled in for each WG13 products, so the softener standard response was used as a basis for discussion. In doing so a number of points emerged:
 - i. Installation, operation and maintenance may affect performance but they can only be included within an informative annex as the standard cannot enforce any requirements and they are a matter for national regulation.
 - ii. Durability refers to the possible effect of conditions on the essential requirements of the CPD – not on product performance.
 - iii. The extensive list of requirements included in the WG13 response template should be restricted to fitness for contact with drinking water
 - iv. The scope of the standard must include fitness for contact for replacement parts.
 - v. “Safety” should not be included in the standard title as it cannot be enforced (see (i) above). It should just refer to requirements and test methods.
 - vi. The scope should not refer to “construction” as the manufacture is dependent on the manufacturer.
 - vii. Fitness for contact with drinking water should list the supporting standards necessary for the product and components to comply, viz.
 - Microbial growth
 - Organoleptic
 - Migration
 - Metals
 - viii. Release of dangerous substances awaits advice from the Commission on a model clause as there is no harmonisation as yet and national provisions will apply.
 - ix. The list of supporting standards should only be those that are not yet available.
- f. Attestation of Conformity at level 1a will be a requirement for materials suitability requirements.
- g. Mr Bedotti stressed the importance of obtaining work items and deadlines for the amendment of the 10 WG13 product standards.

It was agreed that another meeting was necessary to finalise the WG13 reply before the next AHG1 meeting on 28th February 2013.

Mr Bedotti was thanked for his attendance and advice.

4. **EN14095 Electrolytic Dosing Systems with Al Anodes**, Helle Michaelsen of Guldager, was agreed at the last meeting to convene the AGH for revision of the standard but she was not present at the current meeting.
5. **Spanish Standard UNI 149101**, there had been no further communication on this standard. Luciano Coccagna advised that the intention was to make it into a regulation which would require notification and there is reluctance to raise it further.
6. **Jug Filter Standard** TF informed that a jug filter standard (BS 8427:2004) had been developed within B/504/-/13 and another produced in France. Italy is also working on one and it has been suggested that an EN should be produced. Water from jug filters is generally regarded as food and so it might not fall under TC164 but the experts involved are likely to be those already involved in WG13.
7. The **next meeting** is scheduled for January 10th or 11th 2013.

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