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Construction Products Regulation (CPR) et al: Market tools with added value

To create the Internal Market for products it is necessary:

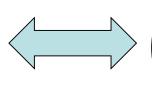
- to abolish technical barriers to the trade of products
- to control the effective functioning of the market
- to avoid creating new unjustified barriers
- to open the public procurement to competition

Instruments to get and keep useful and safe products on the market of all EU Member States



European Commission

Manufacturers (Importers) SUPPLY



Users (architects, ingenieurs, constructors) DEMAND

Regulatory & administrative rules FRAMEWORK



Construction Products Regulation (CPR): standards, standards, standards

- Harmonised European product standards (hEN)
- Horizontal assessment methods in European standards (EN)

Based on mandates (by the Commission) to CEN

Stakeholder input needed!



Declaration of performance (DoP)

Focus on performance of products: Expressed in levels or classes

Content:

- Intended use
- "at least one" characteristic

Format regulated in Annex III to the CPR: list of essential characteristics



Standardisation: Successes and problems

Mandate M/136 (and its revisions):

- Mix of assessment methods and harmonised European product standards (hEN) and very general in describing assessment needs

Horizontal assessment methods in European standards (EN) available

harmonised European product standards missing



Standardisation: Way forward

- Mandate M/136 has been withdrawn in 2016
- Nevertheless, the horizontal assessment methods shall
 be used in any existing and future hENs
- Step-by-step approach for hENs:
 - starting with existing product standards which so far have not included Drinking Water aspects
 - moving on to new product standards for products not (yet) covered



Lessons learned from the evaluation of the DWD

- Risks of substances, not specific product types

Therefore: from general mandates to CEN to more precise definition of assessment/declaration needs



Mandates: old and new

New product mandates foreseen for

- metals
- organic materials
- cementitious products

Split to allow for more precise descriptions and to facilitate more focused work in CEN TCs



New mandates: Open questions

- Selection in material groups the most promising split?
- What precisely has to be declared for each product?
 (same risk and therefore, complex assessment for all products?)
- Are complementary standards for design and installation needed?
- Any other ideas?

Your input is needed!



Timeframe

- feedback on how to structure the standardisation work in CEN: mid-April (18/04/2017) – rather limited feedback!
- meeting (mid-June) with the contributing stakeholders to discuss a commonly accepted structure
- mandates should be finalised later in 2017
- Standing Committee on Construction and Standing Committee on Standardisation late in 2017 / early in 2018
- Commission Decision to give a standardisation request to CEN and the official start in CEN: mid-2018.
- amending existing harmonised product standards the first amended standards might be ready for formal vote in CEN a year later.



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