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**MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE  
OF  
DIRECTIVE 2001/95/EC ON GENERAL PRODUCT SAFETY**

**13 FEBRUARY 2007, 10:00**

**CONFERENCE CENTRE ALBERT BORSCHETTE,  
RUE FROISSART 36, B-1040, BRUSSELS,  
ROOM 1C**

**DRAFT AGENDA  
(UPDATED VERSION)**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE :**

A formal opinion by the Committee is foreseen for agenda item 3

**Introduction**

*SFS: Introduce new team members*

- (1) Adoption of the Agenda (*Doc: Agenda item 1 – draft agenda – v.2*)

*SFS: Introduce and invite comments on agenda. Adopt Agenda.*

- (2) Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting (*Doc: 061206\_DSR-061115*)

*SFS: Invite comments on draft summary record of last GPSD committee meeting of 15 November 2006. Adopt minutes, if necessary taking into account comments received.*

**Implementation and application of the General Product Safety Directive**

- (3) Lighters

– Tour de Table regarding the status of the implementation of Decision 2006/502/EC in the Member States

*SFS: Invite Member States to update the Committee on the status of the Decision at national level. Make statement for those MS being late that the Commission will take the necessary steps and that the Commission anyway expects those MS to undertake market surveillance efforts based on the GPSD and EN 13869.*

- Presentation and discussion of the draft follow-up Decision of Commission Decision 2006/502/EC (*Doc: Agenda item 3 – draft follow-up-decision-CR-lighters*)

*SFS to present briefly the follow-up Decision indicating that this is in line with the text, and in particular recital 19, adopted in May last year. This means that Member States can already take action now on the basis of the GPSD and EN 13869, as evidenced by the novelty lighter notifications.*

- Formal Committee opinion on the draft Commission Decision

*SFS to ask the Committee for its formal opinion on the draft follow-up Decision.*

- Update on the progress with the market surveillance project

*RN to provide a brief update of the progress with the market surveillance project, indicating that Torben Rahbek was hired as an external expert to co-ordinate the surveillance efforts at EU level and to develop a number of documents for market surveillance and customs officials. Tomorrow the Commission will organise the 4<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting where further details of the project will be discussed.*

- Draft mandate for the revision of EN 13869 (*Doc: Agenda item 3 – draft Mandate EN 13869 revision*)

*RN to present the draft mandate taking into account the comments received from the Member States. It will be necessary to outline the procedure for adoption of the mandate, including a Commission Decision (and thus a vote of the Committee) on the safety requirements for lighters. This is expected to take place in the coming 3 to 4 months.*

- Adoption of the summary record of the vote

*JV to prepare the summary record of the vote and SFS to adopt the summary record of the vote.*

#### (4) Self-extinguishing cigarettes

- Update on progress

- Member State comments
- Discussion on next steps

*JV to provide brief update of progress, including the upcoming hearing in the European Parliament, and invite the Member States to a tour the table, giving their opinion on next steps.*

(5) Activities relating to the European Product Safety Network

- Pending next network meeting in 2007 delegates are invited to inform about developments and planned activities

*RN to invite Member States to present developments and planned activities*

- Funding possibilities for the exchange of officials between surveillance authorities of the Member States and EEA countries (*Docs: Agenda item 5 – Exchange of officials-final; Agenda item 5 – Example Grant Agreement; Agenda item 5 – Example Grant Agreement Annex II*)

*SFS to present the new possibility to obtain funding for the exchange of officials. The total amount available for this action is 150.000 Euro and the Commission will be able to contribute up to 50% (in exceptional cases up to 70%), for travel and subsistence costs only. As with Article 10 Joint Actions, the beneficiaries can be public bodies or a non-profit-making bodies designated through a transparent procedure by the Member State or the competent authority concerned, and agreed by the Commission.*

- Financing of Article 10 joint surveillance and enforcement actions

*RN to present the Invitation for Proposals that will be launched shortly. The procedures are somewhat simplified and the application form is radically revised to assist applicant bodies with presenting the request for financing.*

**Issues related to the operation of RAPEX**

(6) RAPEX statistics

- The Commission will present the RAPEX statistics for 2006

*AR to present the statistics (ppt)*

(7) Seminars at national level on the operation of RAPEX

- Brief update

*AR to provide a brief update*

(8) RAPEX contact points meeting

- Short presentation of the outline of the meeting to be held on 14 March 2007

*AO to give a brief presentation*

(9) RAPEX CHINA (*Doc: Agenda item 9 – follow up on RAPEX notifications*)

- The Commission will provide a brief update of the current status with the RAPEX China application

*AR to present the latest update of the RAPEX CHINA application (ppt)*

***Please note that item (9) will be dealt with after item (7)***

(10) Request for samples of dangerous products

- The Commission requests the Member States to make available samples of dangerous products notified to RAPEX

*SFS to request the Member States for physical samples of dangerous products as they have been notified to RAPEX.*

(11) Improvement of risk assessment guidelines

- Brief update by the Commission on the work of the IRAG WG (improvement of the risk assessment guidelines) under the GPSD

*JV to present the latest developments (ppt).*

**Business Application (*Doc: Agenda item 12-13 – Business application*)**

(12) Brief update on the seminar on the notification of dangerous products to the authorities by producers and distributors held on 1 December 2006

(13) Brief update on developments

*AR to introduce the subject and present the latest developments (ppt).*

**Specific product-related issues**

- (14) Sun beds
- Discussion of feedback received from Member States
- AO to provide a brief overview of feedback received*
- (15) Mini motor bikes (*Doc: Agenda item 15 – mini-motor bikes – overview of MS responses*)
- Discussion of feedback received from Member States
- RN to provide a brief overview of feedback received*
- (16) Private swimming pools
- Discussion of feedback received from Member States
- RN to provide a brief overview of feedback received*
- (17) High chairs
- Discussion of feedback received from Member States
- AC to provide a brief overview of feedback received*

### **Standardisation**

- (18) LNE study on child care and child use products
- Brief outline of study and first results
- (19) COPOLCO meeting on 21-22 May 2007-01-11
- Brief overview of issues under discussion
- (20) Standardisation of services
- Brief update on several service standardisation projects by CEN
- AC to present a brief overview of the 3 subjects above.*

### **International issues**

- (21) ICPSC and ICPSHO meetings in Brussels 28-30 of November 2006
- Brief update of results of both meetings

(22) Upcoming meetings of ICPSHO in Orlando and Beijing

- Brief update

*SFS to present a brief overview of the meetings held in November 2006 (see separate documents) and to provide a brief update on the upcoming meetings.*

**Any other issues**

(23) Revision of the New Approach

- Information about the ongoing revision of the New Approach Directives
- Discussion of feedback received from Member States

*SFS to provide a brief update of the ongoing revision of the New Approach*

(24) Any other business

*SFS to invite the Member States whether there is any other business, and to mention the following points:*

*CIRCA: remind the Committee members that from now on all documents will be circulated via CIRCA.*

*Inform the Committee members about the plan by Mrs. Kuneva to visit several ports in Europe with the aim to highlight the need for close co-operation between market surveillance and customs authorities to enforce product safety requirements and protect consumers. Invite Member States to consider the involvement of national politicians in this context.*