

→ CEN/TC 19's position on the continuation of the Tripartite work - a regional perspective

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Overview

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History (1)

- Mid 2007, CEN/TC 19 nominated EU TF leaders and experts for the Tripartite work, on the understanding that:
- A true international biofuel specification can only be produced by ISO
- The resulting White Paper was well received by CEN/TC 19, also regarding the short preparation time

History (2)

- The EC preferred CEN to (re)nominate their experts for a next step of the work (deliver a renewed road map)
- According to CEN/TC 19, the best next step of the roadmap was the harmonization of test methods
- Preferably, the work should continue under the ISO flag
- If that was not feasible, the European efforts for the Tripartite work should continue under a CEN/TC 19 umbrella

Current situation

- No clear direction agreed after Tripartite Meeting in November 2008 and ISO/TC 28/SC 7 meeting in January 2009
- No clear mandate, nor support from legislators
- No indication that tripartite work is supported from countries outside BR, US or EU
- Initial willingness to develop a global standard for biofuels seems to have diminished in all participating regions
- Global trade of biofuels seems not to be hampered by the different "regional" specifications

CEN/TC 19's position (1)

- First priority to reach consensus on biofuels specs within Europe (meeting EC Mandates and EU biofuel Directives)
- CEN/TC 19 supports development of global trade of biofuels
- Global standards shall not jeopardize
 - the WTO principles for standardization,
 - nor the vehicles and fuel distribution systems

CEN/TC 19's position (2)

- Harmonization/alignment of methods and specs between standardization bodies is only possible by clear mandate from the respective Administrations
- Harmonization can be pursued by ISO/TC 28/SC 7 and/or Metrology Institutes (i.e. CRM activities)
- CEN/TC 19 remains open to further development and cooperation in this field, should there a clear need being expressed by the main actors



Thank you for your attention!