

Minutes ERFMI Technical Committee Virtual Session
28th January 16:00 – 16:00

Company	Represented by
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Tarkett	Démosthène Sakkas
Windmöller	Dr. Thomas Hohberg
 Speaker	
Kaléi	Christian Vinson
 Apologies	
Altro	David Cockhead
Amorim	Graca Rocha
Dickson	Maria Henry

1. Welcome and Opening

The Chairman of the TC Mr Sakkas welcomed the participants and the external speaker Mr Christian Vinson of Gerflor, who gave a presentation under point 3.

2. Competition Law

The document “Do’s and don’ts for a Competition Safe Environment” was presented to the participants of the meeting and shown in a presentation on screen. The members of the meeting were invited to examine the document. All parties present are aware of the EU competition rules. No present participant had any further questions regarding EU competition law.

Enclosure 1: “Do’s and don’ts for a Competition Safe Environment”

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 15th October 2020

The TC approved the minutes as a true record of the ERFMI TC meeting held virtually on 15th October 2020.

4. Matters Arising

Two points were added to the agenda under the item 7 Standardisation. Adrian Shortland added an item on requirements for the Castor Chair Test and Mike Minett added an agenda item on Squareness measurement (ISO 24342)

5. Building Information Modelling - BIM- External Speaker

Christian Vinson of Gerflor gave the attached presentation:

- Generic context
- Overview of BIM standardization,
- Potential risks

Main concerns raised:

- Risk of privatizing information
- High cost
- Digitalization is not important for our business

Christian Vinson will continue to work on this topic for KALÉI after his retirement. Julie Chaminade of KALÉI would like ERFMI to contribute to this work.

Enclosure 2: BIM - Building Information Modelling

6. Brexit

- UKCA marking

Jane Gardner gave the attached presentation.

There is a transition period until the 31st of December 2021, where the CE mark can be used in the UK, but customers already insist on the UKCA mark.

It is highlighted that in case of export from the UK to the EU a CE mark certified by an UK notified body in the past has to be re-certified by a notified body in the EU.

Jane Gardner will collect further information on UKCA marking

- UKREACH

Jane Gardner gives the attached presentation. The TC agrees Jane Gardner to organize a webinar on UKREACH end February/beginning March. More participants per company are welcome.

Enclosure 3: UKCA marking and UKREACH

7. Standardisation

Jane Gardner gave an overview on WG 7 and WG 10 activities.

Enclosure 4: Standardisation

- Castor chair requirements

Adrian Shortland showed an overview of the various requirements for the Castor Chair test in different product standards. The TC discussed the overview and will follow this up. It is proposed to also introduce requirements for residential products in EN 16511.

Enclosure 5: Castor chair requirements

- ISO - 1 ISO 24342-1 Squareness measurement

Mike Minett reported that the method to measure Squareness in ISO - 1 ISO 24342-1 gives different results for long planks when the long or the short side is measured. The TC agreed to Mike Minett's proposal to only measure the short side in the future. Mike Minett will write to the ISO TC convenor with this proposal. This letter will be circulated to the TC.

8. SCIP data base & Article 13 of French Circular Economy Law – Informing the consumer on substances of concern in products

- SCIP data base

Jane Gardner gave a presentation. The TC agreed that floor coverings are not a complex article. If there are no SVHCs in flooring products no registration in the SCIP data base is necessary. The question is raised if packaging belongs to the product.

- Article 13 of French Circular Economy Law – Informing the consumer on substances of concern in products.

Jane Gardner gave a presentation. This French initiative is beyond current European legislation. The TC agreed that ERFMI should draft a letter to the EU Commission for approval by the TC. This letter will be sent on behalf of ERFMI or in conjunction with other European Associations such as EUPC or EUFCA.

Enclosure 6: Update SCIP data base & French Circular Economy law

9. Any other business

Jane Gardner gives an update on the Circular economy topics -2020/2021.

Enclosure 7: Circular economy topics -2020/2021

Jane Gardner to ask RFCI for an update on their activities.

The TC members are asked to propose topics to be discussed in the next meetings.

10. Date and place of next meeting, close of meeting

The date for the next TC meeting shall be selected via Doodle.

The Chairman of the TC Mr Sakkas closes the TC meeting.

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Dr. Jochen Zimmermann

List of enclosures

Enclosure 2: "Do's and don'ts for a Competition Safe Environment"

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