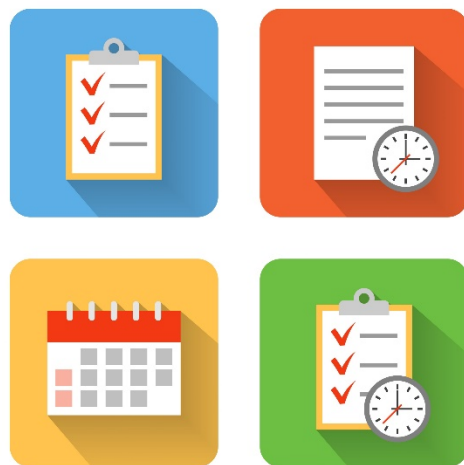


ERFMI TC Meeting

08.07.2021

Agenda



Topic	Time	Responsible
Welcome and Opening		D. Sakkas
Competition Law	14.30	J. Zimmermann
Approval of the minutes of the meeting of 25 th March 2021	14.35	All
Matters Arising	14:40	All
Update REACH and Microplastics	14:45	Marco Perfetti/All
Update on specific topics:		J. Gardner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standardisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TC 134 Plenary WG 7 meeting report Update on WG 10 work on circular economy standards CPR revision – option F Sustainable Products Initiative AVCP for resistance to fire -update UKCA marking Circular economy projects – update and next steps 	15:30	
Project Westküste 100	15:50	T. Hohberg
Date of next meeting and close	16:00	All

Do's and don'ts for a Competition Safe Environment - 2

Don'ts

Do not, in fact or appearance, discuss or exchange information not in conformity with competition law, including for example on:

Prices, including:

- ☒ Individual company/industry prices, price changes, price differentials, discounts, allowances, credit terms, etc.;
- ☒ Individual company data on costs, production, capacity (other than nameplates capacities), inventories, sales, etc.

Production, including:

- ☒ Plan of individual companies concerning the design, production, distribution or marketing of particular products, including proposed territories or customers;
- ☒ Changes in industry production, capacity (other than nameplates capacities) or inventories etc.

Transportation rates:

- ☒ Rates or rate policies for individual shipments, including basing point systems, zone prices, freight, etc.

Market procedures, including:

- ☒ Company bids on contracts for particular products; company procedures for responding to bid invitations;
- ☒ Matters relating to actual or potential individual suppliers or customers that might have the effect of excluding them from any market or influencing the business conduct of firms toward them, etc.;
- ☒ Blacklist or boycott customers or suppliers

Do's and don'ts for a Competition Safe Environment - 1

Do's

Ensure strict performance in the areas of:

Oversight/supervision

- ☑ Have a Secretariat representative at each meeting;
- ☑ Consult with appropriate counsel on all questions related to competition law;
- ☑ Limit meeting discussions to agenda topics;
- ☑ Provide each attendee with a copy of a checklist and have a copy available for reference at all meetings.

Recordkeeping

- ☑ Have an agenda and minutes which accurately reflect the matters that occur;
- ☑ Ensure the review of agendas, minutes and other important documents by appropriate staff or counsel, in advance of distribution;
- ☑ Fully describe the purposes, structures and authorities of the groups.

Vigilance

- ☑ Protest any discussion or meeting activities which appear to violate this checklist;
- ☑ Ask for those activities to be stopped so that appropriate legal check can be made by counsel;
- ☑ Disassociate yourself from any such discussion or activities and for the attendees, leave any meeting in which they continue (and have it minuted).

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Update Microplastics and REACH

Marco Perfetti, EUPC



Update on specific topics

CPR

- Preliminary results of CPR consultation:
 - option A (no legislative change) preferred option and
 - option E (repeal of the CPR) worst option
- Timeline:
- .Legislative proposal end of the year – 4th Quarter (likely official draft in Parliament end of November)
- Technical discussion 1st half 2022 – under French presidency
- Then the whole revision takes between 2 and 5 years

Industry proposal

- CPE, FIEC, EBC and SBS put together an option F proposal which addresses some of the issue put forward by the Commission but keeps it aligned with current CPR as well.
- The proposal has been written as a legal document and the intention is to present it to the commission

Main changes

- Concept of harmonised product provision (hPP) introduced as the legal text published in the OJEU following the implemented act process defining the rules to draw up the DoP and affix CE marking
- Standards and technical specification redefined as supporting documents

CPR Acquis

- The EC organised some meetings on the development of the CPR Acquis - limited to some Member States' experts
- Construction Products Europe has been invited
- Likelihood of EN 14041:2018 being published in OJEU is slim
- Flooring No. 13 on list of priorities
- EUFCA/CEN TC134 to write explanatory note to members

Delegated act AVCP reaction to fire and continuous glowing combustion

- At the recent Advisory Group for the Standing Committee for Construction, the EC made available two new versions of draft Delegated acts related to fire issues:

1) Delegated act on the classification of resistance to fire performance of construction products

The document was developed by EC in collaboration with CEN/TC 127 WG7 convenor. Member States representatives are expected to assess the draft and check consistency with the national regulations before official adoption because at a later stage (scrutiny in the Council and European Parliament) changes will not be possible.

2) Delegated act, AVCP reaction to fire and continuous glowing combustion / smouldering behaviour

EC will accept comments to the following delegated acts until the **31 March 2021**.

Two possible pathways

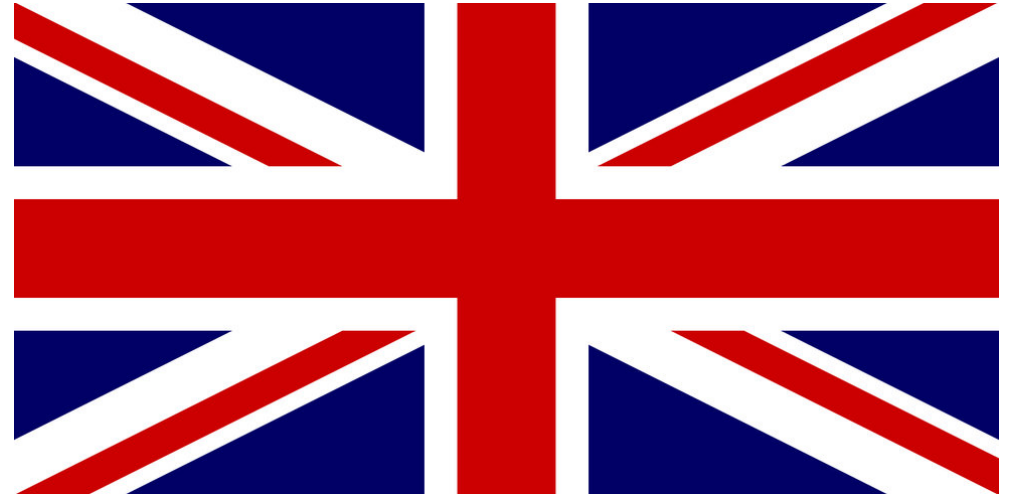
- ERFMI and EUPC commented on the proposal
- ERFMI stated:
 - clarify that fillers, which could be described as a limiting of organic material, are used in resilient floor coverings including rubber, linoleum, cork, PVC, and other polymeric materials, not to improve reaction to fire, but for product performance purposes.
 - Fillers are an inherent part of the flooring, without which the flooring would not be functional.
 - Currently resilient floor coverings fall under AVCP 3 without flame retardant for class Bfl Cfl.
 - We note that the wording regarding the product subfamilies which fall under AVCP 1 for reaction to fire performance in the draft delegated AVCP for fire and glowing combustion is identical to the wording in the harmonised standard for flooring EN 14041:2004 /AC:2005.

Proposal

- ERFMI proposes the following amendment to the sentence under AVCP 1 in Table 1: *Products for which a clearly identifiable stage in the production process results in an improvement of their reaction to fire performance (e.g. an addition of fire retardants or a limiting of organic material **to intentionally improve fire performance**), and/or in an improvement of their continuous glowing combustion performance*
- Alternatively, an explanatory memorandum would help to clarify this point and avoid the products being wrongly classified under the AVCP system classes.

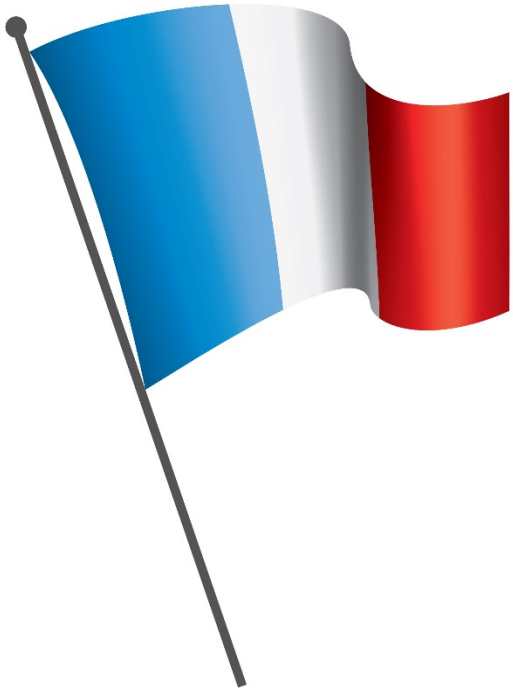
National issues

UK Brexit



- No change to last update
- ERFMI written to notified bodies to establish whether they are arranging mutual recognition with UK labs

France



- EPR: establishing PROs
- No update yet
- French law on circular economy:
- French recyclers and Polyvia, French convertor association developing certification for measurement of recycled content
- Auditing requirements not in line with CPA as asking for proof of purchase
- Lobby to align to CPA requirements underway



Italian GPP

- Revision of Italian GPP with regard to construction products in progress
- Not official but initial indications include:
 1. The resilient flooring shall be products with a **recycled, recovered or by-product** content of at least 20% of the weight of the product, being the sum of the three fractions. Products with a thickness of less than 1 mm are excluded from this criterion.
 2. The contributions (as sum of the three fractions) It should also be demonstrated through compliance with criterion 4.1 of the Vinyl Product label

Standardisation – CEN TC134 WG7

- Revision of EN 12103:1999 Resilient floor coverings - Agglomerated cork underlays – Specification. Project leader: Ms Graça Rocha (PT)
- Revision of EN 12104:2018 Resilient floor coverings - Cork floor tiles – Specification. Project leader: Ms Graça Rocha
- .Amendment of (EN) ISO 26986:2010 Resilient floor coverings - Expanded (cushioned) poly(vinyl chloride) floor covering – Specification under Vienna Agreement, CEN lead. Project Leader: Ms Jane Gardner
- Request to ISO TC219 CEN TC134 decides to request to ISO TC219 to open a new work item for either an amendment or a corrigendum (depending on what is possible) of ISO 11638:2020 Heterogeneous poly(vinyl chloride) flooring on foam – Specification, to correct a mistake in Table 3
- Revise EN 651 by introducing ISO 11638:2020 Heterogeneous poly(vinyl chloride) flooring on foam – Specification as EN ISO standard; EN 651 will then be withdrawn.

CEN TC 134 WG10

- Circular Economy standards:
- Terms and Definitions
- Guidelines for design for recycling
- Product Passport

CEN TC WG 11

- Skip the WD draft ballot and forward the revised draft of prEN 16511 “Modular mechanical locked floor coverings (MMF) — Specification, requirements and test method for multilayer modular panels for floating installation” to the CEN ENQ

Summary of circular economy projects

Circular flooring



Research into recycling technologies



Research into sorting technologies



Collection and sorting



CiSuFlo- Circular Sustainable Floorcoverings



Date of next meeting

TBA – September or October