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Impact of the (draft) Construction
Products Regulation (CPR) on CEN

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Reminder

**CPR : the state of the situation after the first reading,
as far as the CEN activity is concerned.**

Nr of amendments tabled : 127

Nr of amendments adopted : 102

The question : “Impact of the future CPR on CEN” (1/2)

1. Impact of CEN

Amendment 118 (2nd part) :

« The European standardisation bodies shall ensure that no category of actors in any one sector comprises more than 25% of the participants in a technical committee or working group. If one or more categories of actors cannot take part in a working group, or chooses not to, this requirement may be reassessed with the agreement of all participants. »

Commission position : this is an horizontal issue

The question :

“Impact of the future CPR on CEN” (2/2)

2. Impact on harmonized Standards (hEN)

- Is the CPR modifying the Concept of hEN? \Rightarrow No
- Is the CPR modifying the approach to be taken by hEN? \Rightarrow No, they remain Performance based, as far as possible.
- Annex Z, will it continue to exist ? \Rightarrow This is a decision to be taken by CEN, exactly in the same way, as today.

What is then NEW?

- Possibly with mandatory character :
 - To include new characteristics related with the implementation of the BWR 7, but ONLY as far as the way they are “required” represents an obstacle to internal trade. In any case, ALWAYS following a MANDATE from the Commission.
 - When appropriate, to take account of the specificities of the manufacturing process **when defining the FPC.**

What is then NEW?

- As an option :
 - To define classes of performance for products essential characteristics;
 - To define the conditions under which a given class of performance can be achieved.

Always with the agreement of the Commission and SCC (either in the original or a revised mandate);

CONCLUSIONS

- Very few modifications (if any) will be introduced by the CPR (in today's state), as far as the hENs are concerned;
- All existing hENs remain in force, without any modification, until they are naturally replaced by a revised version (Art. 52).



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