

Report on CEN and CENELEC activities in 2011 pertaining to Directive 98/34/EC

1. Introduction

Among other objectives, Directive 98/34/EC aims at ensuring as much transparency as possible regarding national initiatives to draw up technical standards or regulations, in order to promote the smooth functioning of the internal market.

Article 2 of the Directive states that: "The Commission and the standardisation bodies... shall be informed of the new subjects for which the national bodies ... have decided, by including them in their standards programme, to prepare or amend a standard, unless it is an identical or equivalent transposition of an international or European standard."

In the implementation of the Directive 98/34/EC CCMC regularly circulates registers with information on new standards initiatives received from the national standardisation bodies.

2. Statistics on the notifications received in 2011

In Annex 1 and 2 are the 2011 statistics for CEN and CENELEC respectively on notifications of new work (i.e. first notification received from members on a specific project, whatever the stage of progress), broken down by National Standards Body (CEN)/National Committee (CENELEC). The stage at which the projects have been processed is indicated. The cases of title amplifications (scopes) are also given. It should be noted that the National Standards Bodies/National Committees are under no obligation to supply the scope of a notified project. In cases where a title is unclear, an interested party may contact the originator for clarification.

2.1 CEN (Annex 1)

The total number of notifications processed in 2011 was 1809, as compared to 2192 in 2010.

No notifications were registered from the following countries: Cyprus (CYS), Greece (ELOT), Iceland (IST), Luxembourg (ILNAS), MALTA (MSA) and Portugal (IPQ).

As explained to the EC in June 2011, the unusually high number of notifications from Greece and Italy in 2010 (respectively 464 and 265) were due to the redrafting of technical specifications in order to obtain the status of National Technical Specifications in Greece, and the revision of existing Italian standards in Italy that year.

In 2011, 329 national notifications were declared as being revisions or amendments of existing standards, i.e. 18% of the total (no significant difference with 2010 where the ratio was 21%).

From the total number of notifications received in 2011, 99% (similarly to the past years, and this since 2005) have been declared by the members as purely national work, i.e. not related to European or international work.

Only 15 notifications (14 of which by Turkey (TSE)) were declared as related to international work and 5 were based on European work.

As can be seen in annex 1, 11 notifications were received at a late stage i.e. one month before the end of the public enquiry or later, leaving little time for interested parties in other Member States to be informed of the project and to react. This number, however, represents less than 1% of the total notifications.

The leading subsectors in which projects (more than 50) were notified in 2011 were the following:

		Number notified
C01	Food products	122
B02	Building and construction – Structures	96
B99	Building and construction - Undertermined	67
N03	Petroleum products	59
A99	Services – Undertermined	52
I02	Mechanical engineering – Fasteners	51

2.2 CENELEC (Annex 2)

The total number of notifications processed in 2011 was 70, as compared to 57 in 2010. Of these, 13 (19% of the total) were revisions of an existing national standard, 1 related to international work and none to European work.

It should be noted that of the 5 projects notified by France, 1 was from UTE and 4 from AFNOR, the latter being projects common to CEN and CENELEC sub-sectors.

Similarly, the 3 projects notified by Italy came from UNI and the one from Sweden came from SIS. These figures are also included in the CEN statistics (Annex 1).

The leading subsectors in which projects (more than 5) were notified in 2011, were the following, and similar to 2010:

		Number notified
W11	Electrical accessories	16
W08	Electric cables	9
W27	Electrical installations in buildings	7
Z99	Undetermined	6

3. Requests for information

In March 2011, France (AFNOR) requested clarification on two titles of Turkish projects, for which Turkey (TSE) promptly gave the explanation for the titles, both of which concerned traditional Turkish food (projects t1001071 "Pastirma" and t2012980 "Manti Frozen").

During 2011, a number of requests from Slovakia (SUTN) for copies of draft national standards in the field of marked gas oil, pyrolytic bio-liquids, automotive fuels and petroleum products, were addressed to Austria (3), Ireland (1), Slovenia (2), Germany (3), Belgium (1), Italy (2), Lithuania (1), Sweden (1), UK (1), Spain (1), Croatia (1) and Switzerland (1). These requests were based on notifications published in the Monthly Notifications Register, circulated by CCMC. Following receipt of the requested drafts, no further issues were raised.

4. Surveillance of national projects possibly in breach of standstill

No cases of possible breach of standstill were identified during the course of 2011.

5. Events and conclusions on the operation

The use of iPROJEX, aiming at updating the CCMC database via data files, is now well integrated for the notification of national projects in the framework of the Directive 98/34/EC. The module allowing for the electronic delivery of InfoPro data and its storage in a common CEN-CENELEC database has been used since end 2010.

The system was also used by Affiliates (namely Albania (DPS) (1 notification), the Republic of Macedonia (ISRM) (1 notification) and Serbia (ISS) (4 notifications)). These figures are, however, not taken into account in this report.

Information pertaining to Turkey (TSE), an Affiliate in 2011 and a full member of CEN and CENELEC since January 2012, is included in this report.

ANNEX 1

Information procedure on standards – National notifications received in 2011 - CEN

Country	Total Received	Received before public Enquiry	Received at Public Enquiry Stage		Received after publication	Title amplification given in English
			Total received	Late – within 1 month of deadline for comments		
Austria (ASI)	173	173	0	0	0	173
Belgium (NBN)	7	3	4	0	0	0
Bulgaria (BDS)	8	6	2	0	0	8
Croatia (HZN)	5	3	1	0	1	1
Cyprus (CYS)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic (UNMZ)	34	17	7	0	10	33
Denmark (DS)	2	2	0	0	0	2
Estonia (EVS)	15	12	3	0	0	15
Finland (SFS)	16	0	16	6	0	0
France (AFNOR)	226	226	0	0	0	0
Germany (DIN)	325	322	2	1	1	0
Greece (ELOT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hungary (MSZT)	52	52	0	0	0	1
Iceland (IST)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ireland (NSAI)	5	5	0	0	0	5
Italy (UNI)	96	96	0	0	0	96
Latvia (LVS)	7	6	1	0	0	7
Lithuania (LST)	30	26	4	0	0	30
Luxembourg (ILNAS)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malta (MSA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Netherlands (NEN)	35	35	0	0	0	35
Norway (SN)	18	7	10	0	1	18

Country	Total Received	Received before public Enquiry	Received at Public Enquiry Stage		Received after publication	Title amplification given in English
			Total received	Late – within 1 month of deadline for comments		
Poland (PKN)	20	20	0	0	0	20
Portugal (IPQ)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania (ASRO)	25	21	0	0	4	19
Slovakia (SUTN)	23	23	0	0	0	16
Slovenia (SIST)	2	2	0	0	0	2
Spain (AENOR)	174	168	6	0	0	173
Sweden (SIS)	21	8	11	0	2	20
Switzerland (SNV)	28	0	28	0	0	0
Turkey (TSE)	346	345	1	0	0	189
United Kingdom (BSI)	116	104	12	4	0	0
TOTAL	1809	1682	108	11	19	863

ANNEX 2

Information procedure on standards – National notifications received in 2011 - CENELEC

Country	Total Received	Received before public Enquiry	Received at Public Enquiry Stage		Received after publication	Title amplification given in English
			Total received	Late – within 1 month of deadline for comments		
Austria (OVE)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Belgium (BEC-CEB)	3	0	3	1	0	2
Bulgaria (BDS)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Croatia (HZN)	3	3	0	0	0	0
Cyprus (CYS)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic (UNMZ)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Denmark (DS)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estonia (EVS)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finland (SESKO)	0	0	0	0	0	0
France* (UTE/AFNOR)	5	4	1	0	0	1
Germany (DKE)	18	18	0	0	0	0
Greece (ELOT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hungary (MSZT)	5	5	0	0	0	0
Iceland (IST)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ireland (NSAI)	3	3	0	0	0	3
Italy (CEI/UNI)*	3	3	0	0	0	3
Latvia (LVS)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania (LST)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luxembourg (ILNAS)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malta (MSA)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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			Total received	Late – within 1 month of deadline for comments		
Netherlands (NEN)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norway (NEK)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poland (PKN)	1	1	0	0	0	1
Portugal (IPQ)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romania (ASRO)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slovakia (SUTN)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slovenia (SIST)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spain (AENOR)	10	10	0	0	0	10
Sweden* (SEK/SIS)	1	0	1	0	0	1
Switzerland (ELECTRO-SUISSE)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey (TSE)	3	3	0	0	0	1
United Kingdom (BSI)	15	10	5	0	0	0
TOTAL	70	60	10	1	0	22

*Projects common to CEN and CENELEC