

Report on CEN-CENELEC activities in 2012 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 standardization bodies.

2. Statistics on the notifications received in 2012

In Annex 1 and 2 are the 2012 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.

Projects common to both CEN and CENELEC i.e. Sectors X and Z, are notified by both organisations respectively and consequently appear twice in the statistics.

The cases of title amplifications (scopes) are also given. It should be noted that the National Standards Bodies 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 2012 was 1864, as compared to 1809 in 2011.

No notifications were registered from the following countries: Cyprus, Iceland, Luxembourg and Portugal .

In 2012, 500 national notifications were declared as being revisions or amendments of existing standards, i.e. 27% of the total (a slight increase compared to 2011 where the ratio was 18%). Belgium, the Czech Republic, Ireland and Latvia declared 100% of their notifications as being revisions or amendments.

From the total number of notifications received in 2012, 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 Turkey has declared 6 of its 167 notifications as related to European work (5 modified BS standards and 1 modified AFNOR standard), and 19 related to International work.

As can be seen in Annex 1, 33 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 2% of the total notifications.

The leading subsectors in which projects (more than 50) were notified in 2012 were the following:

| | | Number notified |
|-----|--|-----------------|
| C01 | Food products | 150 |
| N03 | Petroleum products | 101 |
| B02 | Building and construction – Structures | 93 |
| B01 | Fire protection | 79 |
| B99 | Building and construction - Undetermined | 73 |
| T01 | Shipbuilding and maritime structures | 53 |

2.2 CENELEC (Annex 2)

The total number of notifications processed in 2012 was 104, approximately 30% more than the 70 notifications in 2011. Of these, 12 (12% of the total) were revisions/amendments of an existing national standard and none related to international or European work.

A total of 23 of the projects notified were of common CEN and CENELEC subsectors i.e. related to information technology. These figures are also included in the CEN statistics (Annex 1).

The leading subsectors in which projects (5 or more) were notified in 2012, were the following:

| | | Number notified |
|-----|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Z02 | Telephony, telegraphy for IT | 16 |
| W01 | Electric rotating machines | 13 |
| W08 | Electric cables | 11 |
| W27 | Electrical installations in buildings | 9 |
| W11 | Electrical accessories | 6 |
| Z99 | Undetermined | 5 |

3. Requests for information

In October 2012, Belgium (NBN) sent requests to Spain (AENOR) and Switzerland (SNV) for, and received a copy of, specific national draft standards appearing in the CEN Monthly Notifications Register of September 2012. No further issues were raised.

In June 2012, the Chairman of CEN Technical Committee 292 '*Characterisation of waste*', requested a list of initiatives taken in Europe in the field of sampling of waste and specific waste scenarios. By making an inventory of the available documents, the technical committee hoped to detect the commonalities and see what the possibilities for European standardisation are. Thanks to the collection of notified projects in iPROJEX and a query on the words "waste" and "sampling", CCMC

was in a position to provide CEN/TC 292 with a list of 58 projects registered throughout Europe over the past years.

Concerning Standstill, no notifications of possible breaches were received during the course of 2012.

4. Events and conclusions on the operation

Since 1 January 2012, Turkey (TSE) has been a full member of CEN and CENELEC and, as indicated in the report on activities in 2011, had already been using iPROJEX beforehand, as had the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (ISRM), a full member since 1 July 2012.

As indicated in the title, this annual report summarises activities pertaining to Directive 98/34/EC. Since this Directive is amended by the new Regulation 1025/2012 on European Standardisation, the objectives and contents of the report on the running of the information procedure during the course of 2013, will be reviewed accordingly.

ANNEX 1

Information procedure on standards – National notifications received from the CEN Member States in 2012

| 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 | 193 | 193 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 192 |
| Belgium | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bulgaria | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Croatia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Cyprus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Czech Republic | 63 | 50 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 62 |
| Denmark | 6 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Estonia | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Finland | 7 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| France | 234 | 234 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Germany | 321 | 321 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Greece | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hungary | 53 | 40 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Iceland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ireland | 20 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Italy | 92 | 92 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 92 |
| Latvia | 14 | 4 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Lithuania | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Luxembourg) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Malta | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Netherlands | 134 | 134 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 134 |
| Norway | 12 | 4 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Poland | 62 | 61 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| Portugal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| | | | Total received | Late – within 1 month of deadline for comments | | |
| Romania | 49 | 41 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| Slovakia | 25 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Slovenia | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Spain | 231 | 190 | 41 | 4 | 0 | 231 |
| Sweden | 27 | 22 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 27 |
| Switzerland | 17 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Turkey | 167 | 167 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 167 |
| United Kingdom | 97 | 55 | 42 | 22 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1864 | 1691 | 164 | 33 | 9 | 1092 |

ANNEX 2

Information procedure on standards – National notifications received from the CENELEC Member States in 2012

| 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 | 18 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Belgium | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bulgaria | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Croatia | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cyprus | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Czech Republic | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Denmark | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Estonia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Finland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| France | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Germany | 32 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Greece | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hungary | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Iceland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ireland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Italy | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Latvia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lithuania | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Luxembourg) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Malta | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Netherlands | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Norway | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Poland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Portugal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Romania | 16 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 |
| Slovakia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slovenia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spain | 15 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Sweden | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Switzerland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Turkey | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| United Kingdom | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 104 | 97 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 54 |