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**ANNUAL REPORT ON THE RUNNING OF THE INFORMATION
PROCEDURE IN 2008**

1. Statistics on the notifications received in 2008

In annex are the 2008 statistics on notifications of new work (i.e. first notification received from members on a specific project, whatever the stage of progress), broken down by member state. The stage of projects at which they have been processed is also indicated.

The total volume processed in 2008 was 1898, as compared to 1744 in 2007. There have been no great fluctuations in this number over the past years.

There have been some significant increases in the number of notifications received from individual members, however, as for example the following countries where the numbers have more than doubled:

	Year	Notifications
Romania (ASRO)	2006	32
	2007	74
	2008	150
Spain (AENOR)	2007	68
	2008	128
Switzerland (SNV)	2007	11
	2008	34

The following countries have sent no notifications in 2008: Cyprus (CYS), Greece (ELOT), Luxembourg (ILNAS) and Malta (MSA).

694 of the national notifications were declared as being revisions or amendments of existing standards, i.e. 36% of the total, a stable average since 2005.

From the total volume of notifications received in 2008, 99% (similarly to 2007, 2006 and 2005) have been declared by the members as purely national work, i.e. not related to European or international work.

A total of 3 notifications were declared as related to international work and 23 based on European work (e.g. Eurocodes).

As can be seen in the annex, 110 notifications were received at a late stage during the public enquiry, giving other CEN Members little time to react on these projects and, in some exceptional cases, after publication.

The main subsectors in which projects were notified in 2008 were the following:

		<u>Number</u>
C01	Food products	192
B02	Building and construction – Structures	123
B01	Building and construction – Fire protection	77
T02	Aerospace	71
B99	Building and construction – Undetermined	67
B26	Road Building and Maintenance	55
I02	Fasteners	47
I09	Small tools	46
M08	Light alloys	45
S09	Water quality and water supply	39

2. Surveillance of national projects possibly in breach of standstill

A copy of the following communications were received by CMC concerning notifications appearing in the 2008 monthly registers:

On 2008-04-14, AFNOR contacted ON with regard to the draft ÖNORM S2104 'Waste from medical institutions' as a possible barrier to trade. In the French comments 3 issues were raised for which ON provided the responses on 2008-05-13, indicated below in *italics*:

- 1) The new version only refers to a BS standard, where French standards exist for containers for clinical waste and sharp objects. Referring to the French standard as well would avoid French manufacturers having to conform the BS standard in addition to the French.
ON response: the reference to the French standard NF X30-500 was added and can be used alternatively to BS 7320.
- 2) References to the waste codes of the European Waste catalog have been removed from this new version and replaced by the old Austrian codifications.
ON response: we have to follow national law for waste management which requires that we have to follow the Austrian classification for waste according to ÖNORM S 2100.
- 3) The only incineration plan in Austria where clinical waste is accepted stipulates that it accepts only round plastic containers of a certain size. As a result, most European manufacturers of containers which produce rectangular containers for clinical waste, can not access the Austrian market.
ON response: your question referring to the only acceptance of round plastic containers by Fernwärme Wien is not within the scope of ÖNORM S 2104 and needs another forum for discussion.

On 2008-05-14, NBN contacted SFS with regard to SFS 7008 'Characteristics and requirement levels of lightweight aggregates in different applications'. NBN did not agree with the required level of total sulphur of 0.35% after conversion, for several reasons, a.o. that the restriction was unfounded and creates a barrier to trade. Belgium requested a revision of the related paragraphs and expressed willingness to participate in the work, if necessary. No direct response to this has been received from SFS. However, it appears that these concerns have been taken into account and that the decision to include this limit in the standard has been deferred to an ulterior date.

On 2008-07-15, AFNOR contacted DIN with regard to draft DIN 58143-3/-4 and -6 expressing concerns that the adoption of these standards would produce adverse effects on the market and induce barriers to trade. The reasons given were that these documents could fall under the scope of CENELEC/TC 86A and that the situation would be improved if the documents were clearly identified versus the scope of this CENELEC technical committee. Furthermore, AFNOR wished to take part in the work of the standardisation committee dealing with these drafts. They suggested the drawing up of a European Standard on these subjects. DIN acknowledged receipt of these comments, but up to now, AFNOR has received no direct reply as such.

On 2009-02-02, the European Commission requested a copy of DIN 55561 'Packaging - Braille on packaging' listed in the monthly notifications register of December 2008, following a request of the unit working on disability in DG EMPL. DIN sent this draft to the EC on 2009-02-18 and no further comment has been received at CMC.

3. 2008 Events and conclusions on the operation

By the end of 2008 all notifications for the Information Procedure were delivered electronically via iPROJEX), thus eliminating the need of the National CEN Members to complete the Notification Sheet (usually sent as MS Word forms) and for CMC to manually enter data in the database.

In 2008, the number of CEN Affiliates increased to 16, all of which, as according to the 2008 version of the CEN/CENELEC Guide 12, have the obligation "to notify all new national projects and implement standstill on national work". Croatia (HZN) began uploading their notifications via iPROJEX in May 2008.

In 2009 CMC will support the uptake of iPROJEX by the CEN Affiliates and expects most Affiliates to be operational by the end of the 2009.

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

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 (ON)	218	149	68	2	1	116
Belgium (NBN)	50	10	12	2	28	0
Bulgaria (BDS)	25	3	22	0	0	25
Cyprus (CYS)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic (UNMZ)	55	3	49	9	3	53
Denmark (DS)	9	2	7	5	0	8
Estonia (EVS)	10	8	2	1	0	10
Finland (SFS)	11	1	10	2	0	3
France (AFNOR)	242	242	0	0	0	0
Germany (DIN)	445	437	8	1	0	68
Greece (ELOT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hungary (MSZT)	11	11	0	0	0	7
Iceland (IST)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ireland (NSAI)	1	1	0	0	0	1
Italy (UNI)	132	132	0	0	0	131
Latvia (LVS)	18	1	11	4	0	14
Lithuania (LST)	18	6	12	1	0	11
Luxembourg (ILNAS)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malta (MSA)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Netherlands (NEN)	56	56	0	0	0	51
Norway (SN)	19	11	4	1	4	17
Poland (PKN)	65	65	0	0	0	65
Portugal (IPQ)	1	0	1	1	0	1
Romania (ASRO)	150	150	0	0	0	150
Slovakia (SUTN)	19	19	0	0	0	19

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		
Slovenia (SIST)	28	0	28	0	0	3
Spain (AENOR)	128	73	55	41	0	128
Sweden (SIS)	14	11	3	0	0	14
Switzerland (SNV)	34	0	34	4	0	0
United Kingdom (BSI)	145	77	68	0	0	0
TOTAL	1898	1468	394	74	36	895