



TC 134 meeting June 2019 - overview

Proposal from WG 8 for two new WI:

1. recycled content (priority)
 2. design for recycling
- Terms to be defined: Definition of 'recycled content', 'recycling' via 're-use' and 'waste'.
 1. Need to define system boundaries.
 2. The material to be recycled needs to leave the system boundaries.
 - Agreed to wait and see what WG8 develops
 - **WG 10: update on hEN14041:2018**
 - Underfloor heating test method to be adapted to be more suitable for resilient products
 - Castor Chair standards for textile and resilient & laminate confirmed

Next meeting:

Thursday, June 11, 2020, Danish Standards Foundation, Copenhagen

Proposal revision of structure

- Theo Smet proposed a small working party to establish feasibility of revisiting the structure of standards
- At the moment every time there is a new product need new standard
- Looking at the possibility of making them more horizontal

Slip Resistance CEN TC339- PREn16165

- Plenary meeting held in July.
- Decision to activate work item for EN16165 approved.
- Draft of standard circulated for comment.
- Round robin tests to be implemented on ramp, pendulum and tribometer (all planned in October).
- Plenary meeting to review results end November

Specific comments - CEN TC339- PREn16165

Ramp

- Concerns raised with regard to consistency of new calibration boards

Pendulum

- Main issue is specification for soft slider (currently 2 different types)
- Work is being implemented in UK to develop a new reference surface as stocks of current product are limited

Tribometer

- Dry test as used in EN13893 remains in latest version
- Plan to develop a new slider to represent barefoot areas

For information

- TC59 WG6 Vacuum Cleaner Common Meeting in September – JZ to attend, looking for other interested experts to join
- CEN TC 4621 Regulated Chemicals in Products – Liaison
 - Scope:
 - Standardisation of processes and methods for the verification of compliance with regulatory requirements on the metrology of regulated chemicals in products.
 - Particular focus: sample preparation, quantification of regulated substances in matrix or product
 - TC 134 Liaison established- Jo Wynendaele from Centexbel has agreed to follow on paper

EN 1081:2018 *Resilient, laminate and modular multilayer floor coverings -Determination of the electrical resistance*

- To replace clause 5.4 Resistance meter with the wording as given in EN-IEC 61340-4-1:2004/A1:2015 Electrostatics - Part 4-1: *Standard test methods for specific applications – Electrical resistance of floor coverings and installed floors*
- *Approved unanimously by National members*
- *One comment received, responded to by Project Leader Mike Minett*
- *Result: Moved to enquiry stage*

prEN17396 Quartz vinyl tile specification

- Cen enquiry on draft standard unanimously approved; editorial and technical comments received
- Editorial changes to be made by WG7 secretary
- Send the technical comments to the project leader to respond to.
- Deadline for comments from WG7 experts
- Then depending on technical changes made, either skip formal vote or send to formal vote

hEN 14041:2018 update

- Not published in official journal yet, so cannot be used for CE marking purposes
- Issues to still be clarified by the Commission are
 - a) the term „dated reference chain“ and
 - b) the overlap of mandate M/119rev with REACH/ the list of substances of very high concern.
 - c) revision of the commission decision on the AVCP systems for floorcoverings needs to be finalized.
- Mikkeli Tapani Head of Unit for Sustainable Construction at DG Grow stated Construction Products Regulations to be overhauled in new session of the Commission
- Lack of progress on Harmonised standards due to:
 - Lack of Hazard Substances (HAZ) consultants to review the standards and to move the process forward;
 - Need to revise Construction Products Regulations
- Unlikely to be any progress in the Harmonisation process until the Construction Products Regulations have been overhauled

In the meantime EUFCA has put together statement for member organisations regarding use of En 14041:2018

Statement on use of hEN14041:2018

Although hEN14041 : 2018 has been published by CEN, this standard cannot currently be used. The 2004 version is the only valid one.

- As the standard is a harmonized standard , regulated by the CPR (Construction Products Regulation) it **cannot be used before it is published in the Official Journal of the European Union**
- Due to an ongoing series of changes in approach and the fast-evolving Reach regulation, a number of changes will be necessary before the standard can be finally approved.

CEN report for DG Grow on standardisation for sustainable chemicals

- DG Grow commissioned report from CEN/CENELEC:
“Identification of Potential Needs of Standardisation for ‘Sustainable Chemicals’ from Primary and Secondary Raw Materials Related to the Circular Economy Action Plan”
- Findings to be used by DG Grow to draft mandate on plastics & recycled plastics standards at the end of September 2019
- Report will affect decisions and standards applicable for plastics circularity and recycling



Primary Raw Materials

Sustainability criteria for other feedstock e.g biomass



Product Design

Responsible design to enable separation of recyclable components

Review and amend existing relevant standards to better include sustainability and circular economy criteria



Assessment and validation

Calculating recycled content
 Measure substances in secondary raw materials other than plastic waste (especially legacy substances)



Recycling

End-of-Waste such as the thresholds of contaminants
 Procedures and test methods on waste conditioning
 Inclusion of recycled materials waste management
 Quality standards for compost and anaerobic digestate



Specific chemistry products

End-of-waste criteria, the development of a standard for a minimum quality of plastics for recycling and plastic granulates
 Measure substances in plastic waste
 Quality criteria and test methods for rubber that are offered for recycling
 Sustainable sourcing criteria for natural base products such as rubber
 Specifications or limitations on the input material use in rubber

EUPC actions

- Plastic converter industry not consulted
- EUPC invited CEN to meeting on 17th July
- ERFMI part of EUPC standardisation workgroup
- Discussion of priority standards with CEN
- TC views?