

Decisions from 71st CEN/BT TCMG - 99th CEN/BT – 175th CLC/BT

Since the last issue of the BT Newsletter in June 2023, the 71st CEN/BT TCMG took place on 11 July (virtual meeting), while the CEN and CENELEC BTs held back-to-back meetings from 17 to 19 October.

We are pleased to report here on the main outcomes of crosscutting nature discussions resulting from those meetings, as well as on the latest decisions of transversal nature taken by correspondence (**until 30 October 2023**). For sectoral/Technical Committee specific matters please contact your sectoral Project Manager.

Best regards

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Processes and operational matters

First working drafts

The BTs strongly recommend TC Working Groups (WG) to circulate at least one first Working Draft (WD) to their parent Technical Body for information or, upon discretion of the TB leadership in consultation with the WG Convenor, for comments.

The IR2 (Clause 11.2.1.5) will be modified accordingly, removing the mandatory aspect of the submission.

Decision ref: *CEN/BT 025/2023 & CLC/BT D175/009, applicable from 2024-02-01*
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Cooperation with EC/EFTA

Homegrown harmonized Standards – Innovative process

To tackle the persistent difficulties of having compliant assessments by the HAS consultants on homegrown harmonized Standards (hENs) candidate for citation in the OJEU, the BTs have endorsed an **innovative process** that has been specifically devised for those cases.

The objective of this new process is to improve the timely delivery of compliant harmonized Standards by:

- introducing the concept of 'Mature draft' and 'Pre-FV assessment'
- introducing the new CCMC Quality Check (QC)

A **webinar** dedicated to the innovative process was held on 25 September. The recordings and material are available on the [CEN expert area](#) and [CENELEC expert area](#).

In line with the BT decisions, the innovative process systematically applies **to all NWIs for homegrown hENs** launched for approval as of **1 October 2023**.

However, to already have an impact on ongoing projects, the TCs are **strongly encouraged** to request a CCMC Quality Check on WIs not yet submitted to Enquiry (30.99) or Formal Vote (45.99). To do so, they are invited to send their request by email to the Harmonised Standards Compliance team (hsc@cencenelec.eu), together with all necessary elements and supporting documents (filled in common checklist, EU Annexes, etc.).

Furthermore, it is worth mentioning that a similar process for draft harmonized Standards in parallel development with ISO & IEC is under discussion within the CEN-CENELEC-ISO-IEC-EC Brainstorming Group. This process should reduce the risk of having a document blocked at the end of the parallel development at CEN or CENELEC level while not slowing down the international process, and increase the chances of having an identical international and harmonized European standard.

Decision ref: *CEN/BT C135/2023 & CLC BT D175/C112, applicable by 2023-10-01*

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Harmonized Standards compliance – Use of new checklist

Since 1 October 2023 the use of the new checklist, *identical* for the ESOs (and their Technical Bodies), the HAS consultants and the EC, has become mandatory to assess the compliance of ENs developed in view of their citation in the OJEU, ensuring that the same criteria are applied by all parties.

The **checklist** is available on the [CEN](#) and [CENELEC](#) BOSS.

A **webinar** was given on 23 June 2023, presenting the new checklist and explaining the main differences with the previous one.

Should you have missed it, you still can access the recording: [link](#).

Decision ref: *CEN/BT 018/2023 & CLC BT D174/005, applicable by 2023-10-01*

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Harmonized Standards – Alignment to Machinery Regulation

The [Machinery Regulation](#) (EU) 2023/1230 (MR) will apply from 2027-01-20 ('application date'). Until then, the current Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC (MD) is applicable.

CEN and CENELEC are expected to start developing harmonized standards (hENs) in support of the MR so that such standards are available before its application date. The work will be framed by a new Standardization Request in support of the MR, which is still under development.

Considering the intricate situation during the transition period and to smoothen the citation of hENs in the Machinery sector, the BTs concurred with the advice from the CEN-CENELEC Sector Forum on Machinery (in agreement with the EC) and decided to take an exceptional approach for those Standards i.e.

- Technical Bodies developing hENs for machinery should include two informative Annexes Z, one for the MD and the second for the MR, in deliverables intended to be published (DAV) between the adoption of the MR Standardization Request (expected in second half of 2024) and 2026-03-31 (the expected last possible date of publication of standards for the MD).
- A Technical Body can apply only the informative Annex Z for the MD for those cases where a hEN intends to specifically address minor issues under the MD, for example the non-citation in OJEU.
- The Technical Bodies Secretaries should ensure that for hENs under Machinery planned to be published (DAV) in the transition period, the NWI form includes the information whether a hEN is linked with the MD only, or with both the MD and the MR.

The template of the informative Annex Z for the MR (agreed with the EC) is available on BOSS ([CEN](#) & [CENELEC](#)).

Decision ref: *CEN/BT C153/2023 & CLC/BT D176/C008, applicable from 2023-10-04*

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CEN matters

Accessibility of documents in Word and PDF

CEN/BTWG 13 'Strategic Advisory Group on Accessibility (SAGA)' has developed revised 'Guidelines to accessible Word and PDF documents'. The Guidelines contain instructions for those Technical Bodies wishing to ensure their documents (other than European Standards, which follow the CEN Simple Template) are accessible to the widest possible audience.

These are available on the [CEN](#) BOSS.

Decision ref: *CEN/BT C068/2023, applicable from 2023-06-07*

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CENELEC matters

Developing European elements to harmonized Standards within SRs

When there is a need for developing harmonization elements in a European Standard included in the portfolio of a Reporting Secretariat (SR), the CENELEC Member in charge of the SR can ask the ad-hoc creation of a BT Task Force (CLC/BTTF), in principle under that Member's convenorship. Once the European elements have been published, the deliverable is transferred to the SR for maintenance.

CENELEC Members holding SRs are invited to raise horizontal general issues related to harmonized standards under SRs with the secretariat of CEN-CLC/BTWG 12 'Harmonized standards and the European regulatory framework'.

Decision ref: CLC/BT D175/002, applicable from 2023-10-18
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Calculation of implementation dates in CENELEC deliverables

The calculation of the national implementation dates of CENELEC deliverables will be calculated on the DAV (date of availability) instead of the DOR (date of ratification), and their duration will be aligned for homegrown and parallel process:

DOA = DAV + 6 months
DOP = DAV + 12 months
DOW = DAV + 36 months

Decision ref: CLC/BT D175/003, applicable from 2024-02-01
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NWIs approval – Voting tool

Pursuant to Decision D172/C118, through which BT agreed to delegate the approval of NWIs to TCs pending the availability of the needed IT tools, CLC/BT decided to start the new process as of 1 February 2024.

In the new Voting tool, weighted vote will apply for the approval of NWIs intended to become EN, TS and HD, while TRs will be approved via simple majority, in line with the voting criteria in Clause 6 of IR2.

CCMC will organize a dedicated webinar at the attention of the TCs in January 2024.

Decision ref: CLC/BT D175/005, applicable from 2024-02-01
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Matrix for Annex ZZ & Common modifications

To support the Technical Bodies in the preparation of Common Modifications and/or the inclusion of an Annex ZZ in a Standard, CLC/BT approved a matrix that includes the different steps during the standard development, including the expected actions from the TBs / CCMC / BTs.

The matrix is available on [CENELEC BOSS - Guidance documents](#).

Decision ref: CLC/BT D175/006, applicable from 2023-10-18
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New Technical Bodies

CEN-CLC/JTC 23 'Horizontal topics for Personal Protective Equipment'

The horizontal CEN-CLC/JTC 23 (secretariat: BSI) is in charge of developing deliverables that are encompassing more than one type of PPE product. Those deliverables will not be specific product standards but will be implemented within the specific product TCs according to their scope.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C065/2023 & CLC/BT D175/C038, applicable from 2023-08-02
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CEN-CLC/JTC 24 'Digital Product Passport'

CEN-CLC/JTC 24 (secretariat: DIN) will elaborate deliverables for the deployment of the Digital Product Passport (DPP) and the data delivering ecosystem while ensuring cross sectoral and cross system interoperability.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C112/2023 & CLC/BT D175/C114, applicable from 2023-09-20
Contact person: Ms Carolina MUELLER (cmueller@cencenelec.eu)

CEN/TC 472 'Rare earth'

CEN/TC 472 (secretariat: DIN) has been tasked to develop standards in the field of rare earth mining, concentration, extraction, separation and conversion to useful rare earth compounds/materials, which are key inputs to manufacturing and further production process.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C047/2023, applicable from 2023-06-14
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CEN/TC 473 'Circular economy'

CEN/TC 473 (secretariat: SIS) will produce horizontal standards providing recommendations, requirements, methodologies and tools to support and measure the transition towards a circular economy.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C061/2023, applicable from 2023-08-02
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CEN/TC 474 'CO₂ capture, transportation, utilization, storage and carbon accounting'

CEN/TC 474 (secretariat: NEN) will deal with standardization of activities in the field of carbon dioxide (CO₂) capture, transportation, utilization and storage (CCUS) as well as activities in the field of carbon accounting.

Decision ref: CEN/BT C125/2023, applicable from 2023-10-25
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Technical Body Officers trainings & events

CEN and CENELEC IT Tools training day

Online - 16 November

This **online** interactive training about the CEN and CENELEC IT Tools is dedicated to newly appointed CEN and CENELEC Technical Body Officers, but more experienced Technical Body Officers are also welcome to join. You will learn about the various tools CEN and CENELEC have put in place to help you through the standardization process. Registration is mandatory.

More information is available on the [CEN expert area](#) and [CENELEC expert area](#).

Training for newly appointed Technical Body Officers

On site - 4 December

This training session is addressed to Technical Body Officers that have entered their function as Chairperson or Secretary since December 2022. The objective is to help the new TBOs get acquainted with various concepts and tools directly related to the standardization community. Registration is mandatory. Should you not be able to attend the training in Brussels, the material and recordings will be available online after the event.

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Technical Body award ceremony

On site - 4 December

The Technical Body Awards Ceremony is the occasion to pay tribute to a selection of Technical Body Chairs and Secretaries, acknowledging thereby their outstanding contributions to the work of European standardization. This year, the awardees are:

- Dr Manuel REIMER (CEN/TC 445 'Digital Information Interchange in the Insurance Industry'), Ms Christine ROQUES (CEN/TC 216 'Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics'), Mr Cliff CORK (CEN/TC 256 'Railway applications'), and Mr Alain ROUSSEAU (CLC/TC 37A 'Low voltage surge protective devices' & CLC/TC 81X 'Lightning protection'), as Chairpersons
- Ms Bernadette RUETSCH (CEN/TC 144 'Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry'), Ms Jenny ACARALP (CEN/TC 293 'Assistive products and accessibility'), Mr Giovanni CASSINELLI (CLC/TC 23E 'Circuit breakers and similar devices for household and similar applications'), and Ms Annette FREDERIKSEN (CLC/TC 76 'Optical radiation safety and laser equipment'), as Secretaries

Two posthumous awards will also be granted to Mr Norbert SCHAAF (CLC/TC 79 'Alarm systems') as well as Mr Alberto SIANI (CLC/TC 121A 'Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear') in memory of their exceptional contributions to the CENELEC standardization activities.

It is without saying that, along with those Technical Body Officers that will be honoured this year, the standardization community can count on the support and commitment of all CEN and CENELEC Technical Body Chairs and Secretaries, hence a special thanks to all of them for their work and contribution to the whole standardization system!

The Technical Body Seminar provides Technical Body Officers with an overview of the major novelties in CEN and CENELEC rules and procedures over the last two years, including future trends and challenges. It also offers a platform where Technical Body Officers share information and exchange ideas on subjects directly related to standardization.

Registration is mandatory. Should you not be able to attend the training in Brussels, the material and recordings will be available online after the event.

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Next CEN and CENELEC BT meetings

2024-02-13 –99th CEN/BT

2024-02-14 – Common session of the BTs

2024-02-15 – 176th CLC/BT

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