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Building hardware

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Construction Product Regulation (CPR)

There is an opinion within the European Commission (EC) to have focus on revising the CPR and not on short-term fixing the massive problems with uncited hEN. Revision of the CPR will take 5 years or more.

EC's position is that CEN is not capable or willing to draft hEN complying with the legal requirements of the CPR and the Regulation on European Standardisation.

EC claims that the vast majority of EN standards published by CEN and planned to be cited in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) are not compliant with the legal requirements of the CPR.

EC even contemplates on un-citing existing hEN under certain conditions.

EC discuss a route towards hEN for which CEN would not be considered as a partner anymore.

EC requests from Member States that they provide experts

EC in their Non-paper wants to win the support of Member States on putting high priority on the revision of the CPR. EC says that there is no alternative to this approach.

Already 10 Member States had replied to the Non-paper, and all of them clearly stated that they are against the content of the document.

It is expected that this subject will be intensively discussed at the SCC (Standing Committee on Construction) meeting in March.

Standardisation Request (SReq) of M/101

The TC 33 proposal of SReq for M/101 have bee send to EC DG grow 19th March.

Based on the discussion at TC 33 Convenor meeting with EC DG Grow the proposal from WG 4 Building Hardware only specify harmonised standards from

EN 15887 Uncontrolled Door Closing Devices for single action doors
EN 13637 Electrically controlled exit systems for use on escape routes
EN 179 Emergency exit devices operated by a lever handle or push pad, for use on escape routes
EN 1125 Panic exit devices operated by a horizontal bar, for use on escape routes
EN 1154 Controlled door closing devices
EN 1155 Electrically powered hold- open devices for swing doors
EN 1158 Door coordinator devices

No burglary resistance is included in the SReq except standards for WG 6 Curtain walling.
Dangerous substances WG 4 specifies that test method EN 16516:2017 is not applicable for Building Hardware
BRCW 7 (Sustainable use of natural resources): Will be decided by EC horizontally for all SReq.

Proposal of revision and new hEN and de-harmonisation of hEN

The harmonised standards from Locks and Hinges are left out of SReq due to the request of de-harmonization.
The process to de-harmonization is not clear. Need to be clarified

Actions for develop, reverse and introduce new standards hEN and de-harmonized standard based on existing M101

The deadlock concerning the citation of standards in the OJEU is be expected to continue
A practical solution to get EN standards which are supposed to be harmonised available for the market is to get them through the CEN process and have them published by CEN, even if there is no chance to get them cited in the OJEU.
CEN had confirmed that they would publish a standard regardless whether the standard is 'fit for the OJEU'.

Specifying the rules for reverse hEN to be accepted by CEN without need to be cited in OJEU including existing hEN for Locks and Hinges.

- Contact CEN for their input to the rules of CEN standard
- Checked against CEN BOSS
- Decide the format one standard, two section standard or two separate standards
- Including characteristics and sub-elements and the test methods for BRCW
- Including voluntary requirements and their classification
- Including existing Classes and Thresholds also modified
- Annex ZA shall be a part of the hEN