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SUBJECT

GPSD – report from Consumer Safety Network meeting

BACKGROUND

The aim of this document is to inform the BT Members of the latest meeting of the Consumer Safety Network (Annex 1 to BT N 10407). The Consumer Safety Network (CSN) is an Expert Group composed of Member States' representatives that assists the European Commission, DG Justice and Consumers, in the implementation of Directive 2001/95/EC on General Product Safety.

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MEETING REPORT

Meeting/event [title]: Consumer Safety Network (CSN) – Expert Group of GPSD Regulatory Committee	
Organizer: European Commission, DG Justice and Consumers/ Product Safety Union E3	Date of meeting: 2016-06-01
Presentation by CCMC (where applicable): 1) Report on progress of work under Mandates from EC in the frame of the GPSD (Annex A)	CCMC attendee(s): Karolina Krzystek-De Ranter
Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EC, DG Justice & Consumers, Unit E3 • Member States – Market Surveillance Authorities • CEN-CENELEC • ANEC 	CCMC Objective: To ensure the secretariat of the BTWG. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Member States and EC regarding on-going mandated work • Represent CEN and CENELEC interests in development of future Mandates and execution of on-going work

Issues related to standardization:

1. **Citation of references of European Standards in Official Journal of the European Union** – the EC provided the following information to CSN members regarding the progress of work:
 - **Child resistance of cigarette lighters** – in January 2016 CEN offered standard EN 13869:2016 'Lighters - Child safety requirements for lighters - Safety requirements and test methods' for citation in OJEU thus completing Mandate M/427. In case of positive assessment, the reference will be published in the OJEU. Additionally, the EC informed that they are about to submit the standard to the GPSD Committee for assessing its compliance with Mandate M/427 and associated safety requirements. In the meantime, validity of Commission Decision 2006/502/EC on child-resistant lighters prohibiting placing on the market of novelty lighters has been extended for the 10th time until 11 May 2017. The EC does not intend to prolong further the validity of this Decision once the reference to EN 13869:2016 is cited in the OJEU. It is up to the Member States to review and adapt corresponding national measures as they see fit.
 - **Safety of childcare products** – in 2015 CEN offered EN 13209-2:2015 'Baby carriers - Safety requirements and test methods - Part 2: Soft carrier' for citation in the OJEU in the framework of Mandate M/264 on Childcare Products. The EC informed that they are about to submit the standard to the GPSD Committee for assessing its compliance with the Mandate. In case of positive assessment, the reference will be published in the OJEU.
2. **Future Standardization Requests to CEN** – the EC is currently working on a number of Commission Decisions on Safety Requirements to be met by European standards that will provide basis for future Standardization Requests:
 - **Future SReq on Candles** – the EC is expecting to start working on a Standardization Request for those products once the already approved decision on Safety Requirements to be met by Candles will be published (expected later this year);

- **Future SReq on Barbecues** – Consolidated Draft Safety Requirements that were shared with CSN members and observers in December 2015 underwent small changes that were agreed during the CSN meeting in February 2016. After receiving several positive replies from the Member States and integrating a request from the UK to add the following wording in the instructions for use: “Fuel should be disposed of before placing in a "habitable" space” the EC launched internal procedures before the GPSD vote. It is expected that the Commission Decision will progress to approval process in 2016 resulting in a Standardization Request issued in 2017/2018;
- 3. **Possible future Standardization Requests to CEN** - European Commission provided information on the status of work regarding development of Safety Requirements for other products listed on the ‘product priority list’ established by CSN in 2013:
 - **Future Safety Requirements on small parts** in children’s footwear and clothing – the EC informed that a number of Member States expressed their support to place focus on hazards posed by small parts in in children’s footwear and clothing. The work of establishing an expert group and starting the drafting is expected to begin in the upcoming months;
 - **Future Safety Requirements for Children’s Pushchairs** – the first draft is expected to be circulated in the upcoming months and it will be provided to Commission Expert Group for commenting;
 - **Future Safety Requirements for Playing field equipment** (portable goals etc.) – the Commission launched a call for experts among Member States and Observers within CSN in order to assist them in drafting the Safety Requirements to be met by European standards for these products – at the moment only the CSN Observers (ANEC and CEN) have put forward names, no Member State has shown interest in this work. The future of this project depends on contribution from the national authorities and thus remains to be confirmed.
 - **Future Safety Requirements for Roller skates and similar equipment** - the Commission launched a call for experts among Member States and Observers within CSN in order to assist them in drafting the Safety Requirements to be met by European standards for these products – at the moment only the CSN Observers (ANEC and CEN) have put forward names, no Member State has shown interest in this work. The future of this project depends on contribution from the national authorities and thus remains to be confirmed.

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