

Mandate M/123

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AMENDMENT TO
HORIZONTAL MANDATE TO CEN/CENELEC
CONCERNING THE EXECUTION OF STANDARDISATION WORK

THE EVALUATION OF CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS IN RESPECT OF THEIR REACTION TO FIRE

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I. FOREWORD

This amendment does not alter the "Foreword" of the original mandate.

II. GROUNDS

This amendment modifies the original mandate in respect of the "Single Burning Item" (SBI) test.

The SBI test is now considered to be within the scope of the original mandate.

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III. STANDARDISATION MANDATE

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The SBI test is now considered to be within the scope of the original mandate.

The SBI test facility shall be as defined in Commission Decision 98/457/EC on the SBI configuration, and as detailed in the two documents prepared for the round-robin exercise, namely :

- "Reaction to fire tests on building products - all building products excluding floorings - exposed to the thermal attack by a single burning item ("SBI test"), draft dated 28 June, 1997;
- "SBI round-robin : general information", version 6; dated 26 June, 1997.

Technical refinements shall be made to the test facility if they can be expected to improve the reproducibility and repeatability demonstrated in the round-robin exercise.

The technical refinements necessary shall be defined by the Official Laboratories Group (OLG) of the European Community in the final report to be submitted in fulfilment of the terms of a new subvention from the Commission established for this purpose. Guidance on the modifications to be considered by the OLG are given in the following documents :

- the final report of the SBI round-robin testing programme (document RG N115), with the additional part relating to comments from participating laboratories; and
- the supplementary report on the analysis of the parameters measured in the SBI round-robin (document RG N124).

As regards the test procedure, parameters to be measured and aspects related to classification, CEN/ CENELEC must take account of future decisions of the Group of National Fire Regulators (RG). Guidance on the scope of RG involvement is given in RG Resolution 1/ 1997 (document RG N126 Rev. 1).

The corresponding European standard(s) shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the original mandate.

The classification system within which the SBI, and other test methods, find their application is to be fully defined by the Commission, in consultation with the Standing Committee on Construction. The Commission Decision (94/611/EC) describing the classification system has been published in the Official Journal of the European Communities (No. L 241, 16/9/94). A new decision with the missing class limits defined shall also be published in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

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IV. EXECUTION OF THE MANDATE

This amendment does not alter the "Execution of the mandate" part of the original mandate, although its provisions shall now be applied to the SBI test as well as to the other test methods.

CEN/ CENELEC will present the Commission with a detailed proposal for the work programme, at the latest three months after approval of the 83/189 Committee.

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