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**Orgalime Report
ATEX Working Group
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Conference Centre Albert Borschette (CCAB), 10:00 - 17:30 p.m.

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Subject	Document (origin)
0. Welcome by Chairperson Barbara Bonvissuto, head of DG engineering since November 2017.	
1. Approval of the draft Agenda	ATEX_WG/18/2/01 (COM)
2. Approval of the draft Minutes of the last meeting held on 7 February 2018	ATEX_WG/18/2/02 (COM)
3. Information on current issues	
4. ATEX Administrative Co-operation (AdCo) Group UNITED KINGDOM , as the current Chair of the ATEX Administrative Co-operation (AdCo) Group, reported on the ongoing activities on market surveillance. Remark from the participants that in ATEX environments a paper copy of documentation is preferable to electronic format as an electronic copy may not be available immediately, COM considers this a horizontal issue. The issue will be addressed in a later agenda point. The Chairperson thanks the UK for chairing the ATEX AdCo group over the last 2 years and welcomes POLAND as the new chair of the group	

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5. Proposals for revision/improvement of the ATEX 2014/34/EU Guidelines

- Borderline list - ATEX products

GERMANY A new document was sent last week on jet-mills, this document was sent too late and therefore the discussion will be held at next meeting.

COM expects comments to prepare revised version by October – to be endorsed at next meeting planned for May 2019.

- Section § 74: Obligations of manufacturers

Discussion on how to change guidelines to add clarification as to the form in which DoC needs to be provided. The DoC to “accompany the product” on paper, while additional safety instructions can be provided electronically.

SWITZERLAND when providing documents electronically, we need to ensure that the manufacturer clearly indicates which document was provided at the point of delivery.

GERMANY important to clarify between manufacturer and operator what electronic format is readable.

COM it is important that manufacturers have legal certainty and understand what the legal consequences of this change are (does this become an obligation). We will check with colleagues in a horizontal unit on the amendments.

Requests colleagues to suggest a rewording that will be circulated for adoption at the next meeting.

- Section § 249: Bucket elevators - Comments

COM the document will be modified by deleting the table and referencing the CEN TC305 document - the document will be made public, circulated to the group and added to the guidelines.

- State of EUTurbines comments to the new ATEX Guidelines

EUTurbines presents a document suggesting changes to the new ATEX Guidelines.

Most issues have been already solved participants discuss the comments left in white in the document.

§ 50 para 5 – The text is unclear why both examples are in scope.

COM asks participants to provide comments as to how to adapt this text to vote at next meeting.

§ 86 – COM this is a horizontal issue and is already dealt with in the Blue Guide. Also reference to documents from NB – not endorsed

§ 93 – not endorsed

§ 145 and 146– not endorsed issue already covered by guidelines

§ 145 – not endorsed

§ 146 to 8 – not endorsed This is already in the guidelines

§ 227 - the DoC has minimum requirements - and we cannot have any derogations – not endorsed

ATEX_WG/17/1/04 rev.2
(COM)

ATEX_WG/17/1/05 (FR)
ATEX_WG/17/1/05_1
(DE)

ATEX_WG/18/2/03
(COM)

<p>§ 244 – COM agrees the text needs a revision – EUTurbines to propose the modifications to be discussed at AdCo</p>	
<p>6. Directive 2014/34/EU: application questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile electronic equipment – follow up <p>GERMANY gives update on a case of non-conformity investigated by Darmstadt.</p> <p>COM the written report on this case will serve as a case study and a guidance document. The follow-up will be discussed in the AdCo and the ATEX WG will be informed of the discussions.</p> <p>The NETHERLANDS states that it is important to update the standard, although this is in the process, it is taking too long.</p> <p>GERMANY doesn't think the procedure can be simplified</p> <p>CENELEC states work is being done at IEC level, also speaking as a notified body believes the issue needs to be urgently addressed.</p> <p>Chairperson the issue will be discussed at AdCo this group will be kept informed.</p>	<p>ATEX_WG/18/1/03 (DE)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATEX and Machinery Directives interfaces: examples <p>UK the document tries to clarify the interfaces between ATEX and MD, however it all depends on how the machine is supplied.</p> <p>GERMANY states that the document provides many good examples of processes and should be adopted.</p> <p>COM mentions that an Ad-hoc working group has been set up to provide a report on the interfaces between MD and ATEX – this group must keep in line with the ATEX legislation.</p> <p>The final report can then be added to guidelines. The group will report back to us next year.</p>	<p>ATEX_WG/18/2/04 (AdCO / DK)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad-hoc group on installations and assemblies - Report and documents <p>COM reports that the Ad-hoc group has not met yet, although there was a good exchange of emails. A meeting will be arranged before the end of the year</p>	<p>ATEX_WG/18/2/05 (Ad-hoc Group / DE)</p> <p>ATEX_WG/18/2/06 (PL)</p>
<p>7. Standardisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATEX harmonised European standards <p>COM reports that the most recent publication was on 15 June and that publications are on track every 2-3 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the standardisation work in CEN/TC 305 <p>A plenary meeting was held in November 2017 – next meeting in November 2018</p> <p>Revision of standards on spontaneous combustion were discussed.</p>	<p>ATEX_WG/18/2/07 (CEN)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the standardisation work in CLC/TC 31 <p>Most technical work is done at IEC level – work on intrinsic safety standard is taking more time than foreseen.</p> <p>Has noticed that some non-EU members are driving the standards in a direction that is not acceptable for EU.</p>	<p>ATEX_WG/18/2/08 (CENELEC)</p>

<p>Some trouble with old standards that are not being updated, such as 5381 – transportable ventilated rooms (technology is outdated).</p> <p>Problem – experts are voting positive on documents they do not have knowledge on, and standard goes through with problems.</p> <p>Chairperson replies it is difficult to know how to support possibly adding more EU presence, or more coordination between consultants. However, there are budgetary constraints and a lack of experts.</p> <p>EUTurbines agrees that it would be great to have extra help from the governments.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report by the ATEX HAS Consultant <p>COM reminds participants that Harmonised Standards Consultants have replaced the New Approach consultants. The consultants are no longer under the jurisdiction of CEN-CENELEC now report to COM and are employed by an external company E&Y. The idea is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve timeliness - Participate in the standardisation activity from as early as possible. <p>In ATEX we do not foresee any big changes, we will continue regular publication of standards.</p> <p>Xavier Lefebvre – ATEX HAS consultant reports: some delays in publication due to change of system, some standards missing annex Z. There were 2 issues with the development of standards on the gas detector and quality system, hopefully these issues will be cleared by next publications.</p> <p>Some standards interface with the Machinery Directive. This creates problems such as that the standards are published as type a instead of type b. This is especially true in connection with gas turbines believes it is time to revise this issue, in a standard or a guideline.</p> <p>EUTurbines speaking as convenor of TC on gas turbines hopes that by April next year the group will be ready to engage with HAS consultants on the draft standard. Mentions that the group is being pressured to de-centralise from European standards, as there are only about 4 turbine manufactures world-wide and little new equipment is being brought in Europe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on international activities at UNECE and IECEx <p>CLC The work can be followed-up through WP.6 on UNECE. Work is being done on a second version of Common Regulatory Objectives (CRO). The next international conference will be held in Jakarta in August.</p> <p>IECEx will be working on Market surveillance in cooperation with UNECE</p> <p>COM reminds participants of the importance of this work to keep trade open. Most IEC standards are already transposed to EN standards. It is in common interest to follow up on this work.</p>	<p>ATEX_WG/18/2/09 (HASC)</p> <p>Not uploaded yet</p>

<p>8. European Co-ordination of ATEX Notified Bodies Group (ExNBG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on current issues <p>COM reports on behalf of the representative who is absent. The last meeting was held in February and the next meeting is scheduled for February 2019. Nothing to signal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification Sheets noted by the ATEX Committee <p>Following the last meeting a clarification sheet on a quality management system was made available for comments in circabc. As no comments were received it was endorsed and will be published on the ATEX website in the coming weeks.</p>	
<p>9. Interfaces ATEX "product" 2014/34/EU and "workplace" 1999/92/EC Directives</p> <p>COM a study has available on the Europa website and as a link in the minutes of last meeting. No new information has come to light. Some interfaces with other directives (such as MD) have been found. The ATEX group is followed by colleagues from DG employment for this purpose.</p>	
<p>10. Any other business</p> <p>COM Mr Gabrielli welcomes Mr Jan Mayerhöfer as the new EC ATEX Policy Officer. He will begin his activity from September, however Mr Gabrielli will be present to assist in the hand-over, he will continue in the unit and will take responsibility for Outdoor noise, PPE.</p>	
<p>11. Next meeting date</p> <p>COM informs that the frequency of meetings has changed, due to shortage of resources, from now on the group will meet once a year. The date of the next meeting is tentatively 15 May, a date which will harmonise with other sector meetings. As we have seen in recent meetings, the scope is not so large and we are able to work quite well. The frequency may change if any urgent matters arise.</p> <p>The Netherlands remind the EC that it is important to have at least one meeting per year to keep the guidelines up-to date.</p>	15 May 2019 (<i>tbc</i>)