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1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, Susanne Dahlberg, Martin Castle, Bernard Picque, Thomas Reider, Jurgen Bruder and Maxence Wittebolle.

2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA / APPOINTMENT OF CONVENOR

Prior to the adoption of the agenda an additional item was added. Mr Wittebolle the convenor of the working group had sent his apologies and resignation from the position for health reasons. The appointment of a new convenor for the working group was dealt with first. The secretary called for any volunteers prepared to take on the role. Thomas Goedecke indicated he was prepared to be considered. There being no other volunteers Mr Goedecke assumed the position unopposed. Mr Maghar reminded the meeting that Mr Goedecke's appointment would need to be confirmed by the CEN and ISO Technical Committees and matters were put in hand to advise the TCs in time for their next meetings. (Post meeting note. Both TCs subsequently confirmed Mr Goedecke as Convenor)

3 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The remainder of the agenda was accepted without alteration, except for the renumbering of the subsequent items.

4 NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The notes of the last meeting were accepted.

5 UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF STANDARDS AND WORK ITEMS

Paper N2006/69 was tabled and Mr Maghar updated the meeting. ISO/DIS 16883 was now an FDIS.

ISO/FDIS 23667 and prEN ISO 23667 had gone to FDIS but the CEN consultant had raised a number of serious objections and had rejected them. As a result of the comments the target group had met and a revised version completed. The revised version was due to be presented to the WG during the meeting and if approved this would go forward for a new final vote. PrENISO 16102 on label durability would be dropped from CEN if there was no action (in the form of a first draft) shortly. However there was no CEN work item as such only the mirror of the ISO work item. This had already been deleted from the ISO list but somehow CEN had missed this action. PrEN 15507 on the comparative material testing of polyethylene grades was now going to FDIS.

Mr Maghar advised that it was taking 3 – 5 months for proposals to go through the system to get a work item and there had to be a draft in progress.

6 TEST METHODS FOR LARGE PACKAGINGS

The comments contained in Document N2006/64 were reviewed and where appropriate ISO DIS 16883 (N2006/70) was amended. The recorded decisions of the working group are attached to these minutes and referenced as N2007/75.

7 REPORT FROM THE PLASTICS TARGET GROUP

Mr Schilperoord reported for the group. The target group had met immediately prior to the working group meeting. They dealt with the comments from the public enquiry and editorial comments from BSI in relation to the Draft Standard Comparative Testing of Plastics. They got through all the comments and a new version will be available shortly. Most of the comments were technical and there are one or two bits that still require checking, particularly where undated reference was made to standards but where a specific paragraph is referenced it must be dated.

Comments from BSI have caused some problems, some of which had come from a meeting held at BSI where none of the target group was present. They were looking for structural changes to the draft which would effectively undo things that had been agreed before. One suggestion had been that the standard was “opened up” removing the requirement to have all the tests done at the same test station. The target group did not agree with this and had deliberately put this requirement in to ensure comparative consistency of results.

Mr Maghar had been through the objections and the standard and advised that most of the changes could be ignored. The single laboratory testing issue might be resolved by adding a note to the effect that “doing the tests at different facilities might invalidate the results”.

The draft had been discussed at both CEN and the Joint Meeting of RID/ADR and at the moment it will not be referenced to ADR. Meanwhile the target group have dealt with the comments of the CEN consultant so they hope that it will now go on to completion.

At the target group meeting the French delegation suggested that a revision of the Recycled Plastics standard was needed. The actual revision was quite small but was justified.

8 ISO 16104 1st draft 1st Revision

Following the UNs decision not to take EN ISO16104 as a referenced document and mindful of the UN objections BSI and the UK had prepared a revised version of 16104. This document N2006/68 was tabled as a starting point for a revision to the standard. Mr Maghar advised that under the latest

CEN/ISO rules a revision was permitted particularly if it started next year. Discussion of this draft was deferred to the next meeting.

9 CLASS 6.2 DRAFT

Document N2006/72 refers. It was noted that UN had not finalised the changes proposed to the class 6.2 text, it was therefore not sensible to work on this draft at present.

10 VIBRATION TESTING, PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ASTM D999

At present there is no regulatory requirement in UN to do vibration testing and there are no references to any vibration standard. ASTM are currently amending their standard D999 and aligning it with the UN text. They are however adding bits in to the test. It is not clear if the CFR49 text will be the UN text or a reference to the revised D999. The later course would mean that exporters to the USA would be forced to do D999 testing prior to despatch. Germany stated that if this test was to become a regulatory requirement then they would want to have an input into the standard. If however it was not going to be mandatory text then Germany was less concerned. One alternative to D999 would be to write a competing standard.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Further to the discussion at the last meeting regarding the differences between the US and Europe over chemical compatibility testing it was further noted that there is no formal arrangement for cooperation between CEN and ASTM. The UN have been given descriptions of both systems with a view of getting something in common but it would have to be done as an ISO.

Mr Fink gave a presentation, attached (N2007/76) on some round robin testing done in Scandinavia. Variations in results were found associated with angle of drop, pulsing of water and water temperature during hydraulic tests. Mr Lind noted that at their production plant they used a single fixed attitude for in-house tests. The results obtained by this exercise suggested to the working group that there was room for further refinement of the tests. Since this would have to be done via UN there was a strong feeling that all representatives should urge their Governments to consider moving the tests into the UN manual of tests and criteria. This would make it easier to revise and rework the text although it was acknowledged that the Regulators would not see much need for change as there were very few packaging failures in transit.

12 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The Portuguese delegation offered Lisbon for the next meeting. Dates sometime in the last week of September or the first week of October 2007

