



Coordination of Notified Bodies

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■ New Approach

- ⇒ EU Directives define general requirements for the acceptance of products on the EU Single Market
- ⇒ notified bodies are responsible for EC type examination procedures and quality assurance measures for the product

⇒ Harmonisation of approach between notified bodies

■ Background

- ⇒ initiative taken by notified bodies in specific fields
- ⇒ meanwhile the Coordination has become established

Blue Guide:

„A coherent application of the conformity assessment procedures requires close co-operation between the notified bodies, the Member States and the European Commission.

...

The Commission, in coordination with Member States, also ensures that cooperation is organised between the notified bodies.“

■ Support from the EU Commission

⇒ Administrative Secretariat (ECTA)

- organisation of meetings
- distribution of documents (e.g. CIRCA)

⇒ Technical Secretariat (e.g. BGIA / FA PSA; EUROGIP; TÜV)

- preparation of documents
- Horizontal Committee meetings
- reporting to EU Commission
- contact to e.g. EU Commission, Member States, manufacturers' associations etc.

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■ Structure of the Coordination of Notified Bodies

- ⇒ Horizontal Committee of Notified Bodies
- ⇒ Vertical Groups

■ Horizontal Committee of Notified Bodies

Members

- ⇒ All notified bodies in the specific technical field
- ⇒ Observers from the EU Commission, Members States, manufacturers' federations, CEN etc.

General questions of interest to all notified bodies, e.g.

- ⇒ Conformity assessment procedures
- ⇒ Categorisation / classification of equipment

■ Horizontal Committee of Notified Bodies

Horizontal Committee in the Field of PPE

- Ad hoc group on Article 11
- Advisory Panel
- Vertical Group Convenors

■ Vertical Groups

Members

⇒ Notified bodies notified for the specific product group

Questions related to certain product types, e.g.

⇒ Interpretation of standardised test methods

⇒ Lack of harmonised test methods

⇒ Round Robin tests to verify test methods

⇒ CIRCA newsgroups

■ Vertical Groups


Possible participation

- ⇒ If relevant, test institutes that are sub-contracted by notified bodies
 - technical experience in testing
 - Round-Robin testing

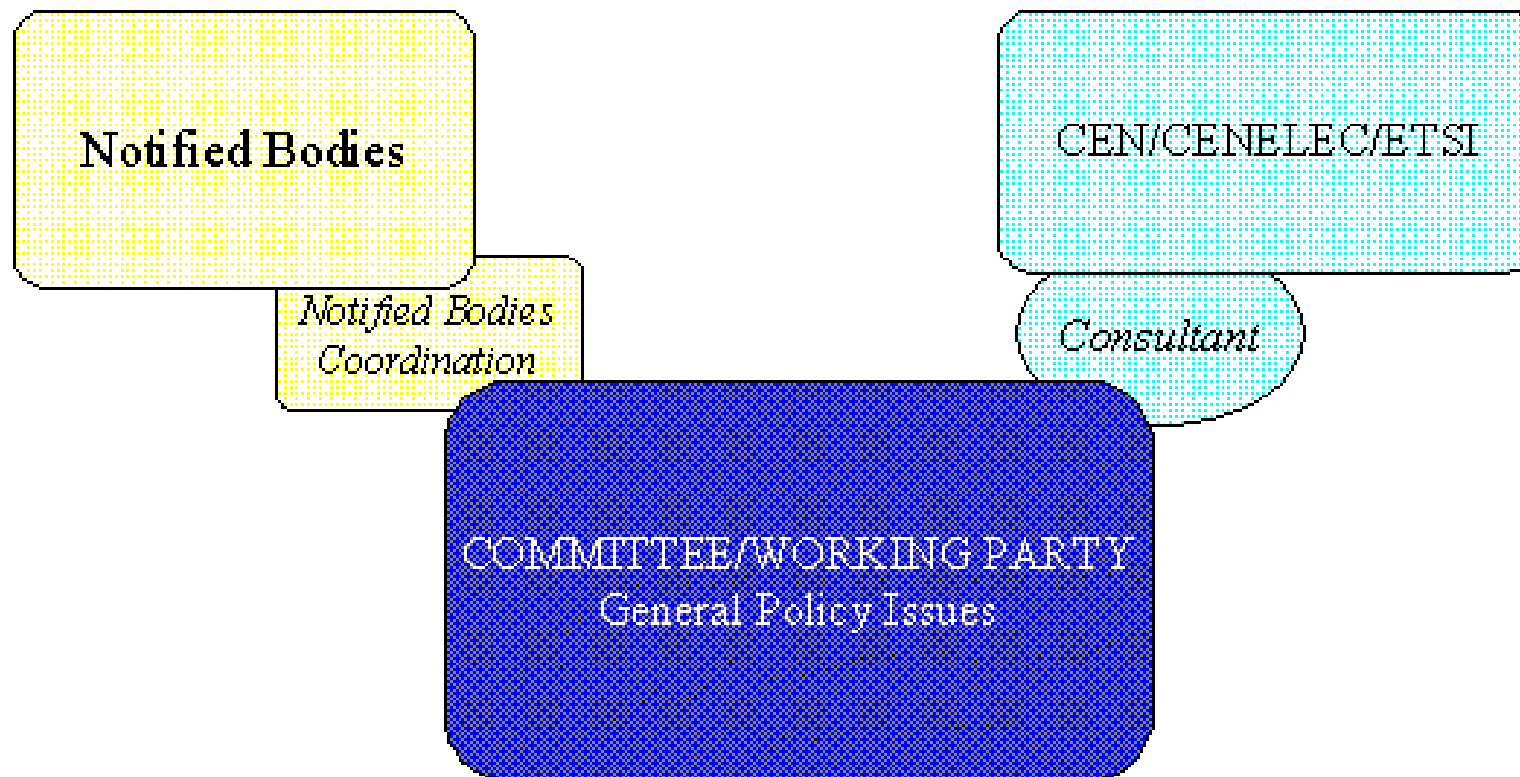
- ⇒ If relevant observers, e.g. from standardisation committees, manufacturers, etc.
 - cooperation in fields of common interest, e.g. use of recommendations for the amendment of standards or Round-Robin testing

Recommendation for Use Sheets

Recommendation for Use Sheet mit „Approval-Verfahren“

		CO-ORDINATION OF NOTIFIED BODIES PPE-Directive 89/686/EEC + amendments RECOMMENDATION FOR USE		CNB/P/00.120 Revision 01 Language: E	
Number of pages : 1		Date : 22.08.03		Approval by :	
Origin : Horizontal Committee		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vertical Group <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Horizontal Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standing Committee		Approved on : 05.09.02 06.09.02 11.06.03	
Question related to: Directive 89/686/EEC			EN/prEN :		Other :
Annex :		Article: 11.A.3		Clause :	
Key words: category III product					
Question: A PPE is classed as category III because the manufacturer claims one or more product features that qualify category III. Can the tests required under article 11.A be limited to performance against this / these requirements?					

■ Cooperation on EU level



■ Cooperation with EU bodies

Example PPE

- ⇒ Observer status in the PPE expert group in the Standing Committee of the EU Commission
- ⇒ Participation in discussions in the AdCo Group
- ⇒ Membership in the PPE Sector Forum within CEN
- ⇒ Participation in the „Guidance Group“