

## **STANDARDS NOTES: EU – March/April 2008**

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### **- eACCESSIBILITY: CEN/Cenelec/ETSI Open Meeting on ICT accessibility and EU Public Procurement: June 3 and 4 in Brussels, Belgium.**

European Commission standards mandate 376 (M/376) aims to harmonize and facilitate the public procurement of accessible ICT products and services by identifying a set of functional European accessibility requirements for public procurement of products and services in the ICT domain, and to provide a mechanism through which the public procurers have access to an electronic toolkit, enabling them to make use of these harmonised requirements in procurement processes. The work is in two phases.  
[http://www.icts.org/datscg\\_registration.htm](http://www.icts.org/datscg_registration.htm)

### **- FIRE SAFETY/Cigarettes: Commission Decision of 25 March 2008 on the fire safety requirements to be met by European standards for cigarettes pursuant to Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council I (1)**

<http://eurlex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:083:0035:0036:EN:PDF>

### **- ENERGY EFFICIENCY: CEN/CENELEC sector forum Energy Management group is organizing a seminar on "guarantees of origin" and energy certificates on April 23, in Brussels. The purpose is to gather information and advice on standardization needs.**

([http://www.cen.eu/cenorm/workarea/sectorfora/energy+management/seminar\\_energy\\_certificates.asp](http://www.cen.eu/cenorm/workarea/sectorfora/energy+management/seminar_energy_certificates.asp))

### **- EUP / ENERGY USING PRODUCTS: The Commission's Forum held another meeting to develop implementing measures for Energy Using Products for lighting on 28 March 2008. Here are all the documents in relation to this Forum meeting:**

Draft agenda:

- Working document on possible ecodesign requirements for general lighting equipment
- Possible ecodesign requirements for general lighting equipment
- Energy label - options lamps for general lighting

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/demand/legislation/eco\\_design\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/demand/legislation/eco_design_en.htm)

### **- PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT: Updated list of harmonized standards for personal protective equipment published in the EU Official Journal C63 on March 8.**

(<http://eurlex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2008:063:0044:0067:EN:PDF> and corrigendum <http://eurlex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2008:078:0015:0015:EN:PDF>)

- **DESIGN OF CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING WORKS:**

**Launch of 10 new standards addressing common technical rules for design of construction and engineering works.** The Eurocodes have been published by the **European Committee for Standardization (CEN)** in 2007, and will be used in all EU Member States from 2010. They consist of 10 European Standards, each containing several parts that cover particular technical aspects, e.g. fire resistance, bridge design, safety, serviceability, robustness, durability etc.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/08/259&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

- **EXPECTED MANDATE FOR RFID STANDARDS:** the EC plans to issue the European Standards Organizations (ESOs) with a mandate for standardization work in the area of privacy and security in RFID. Apparently the mandate is being drafted by DG INFISO and will be subjected to an informal "interservice" consultation. The main partner for INFISO will be DG JLS (Justice, Liberty, Security), which has the lead on privacy in general. The mandate would be issued towards the end of 2008. It would not necessarily result in a standard or set of standards; in the first instance it would require a gap analysis to see what is being done at international level and elsewhere. However, INFISO does envisage it would be specific to RFID technology.  
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