

ErP Lot 4 VA – Steering Committee meeting

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10. Claire Schonbach	Xerox
11. Pierre Sicsic	Hewlett-Packard
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13. Dierk Ulken	Toshiba
14. Jonathan Wood	Energy Star consultant for EC (DG ENER) and DEFRA
15. Michal Len	R-REUSE
16. Vincent Van Dijk	ETIRA
17. Stephane Arditi	EEB/ECOS
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APOLOGIES

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MEETING MINUTES

1. Opening of the meeting

William Dazy, President of EuroVAp rint and Chair of the meeting, opened the meeting and invited participants to introduce themselves.

2. Approval of the minutes of previous SC meeting

The revised minutes of the SC held on 10 June 2013 will be approved by email and circulated to the SC.

ACTION

- EVAP to resend track-change version to Adam Romanowski for review.

3. VA guidelines

Adam Romanowski informed participants that after the Consultation Forum meeting on 1 March 2013, stakeholders had more than 1 month to submit comments, which were received from NGOs and industry (available on CIRCA). Adam Romanowski believes the revised guidelines – which were sent on 25 September 2013 – are a balanced text.

The main changes are:

1. **Appointment of Independent Inspector:** the system of appointment has changed; it now requires a unanimous decision of all members of SC (signatories + EC representatives).
2. **Market coverage** raised from 70 to 80%. There is a provision allowing existing VAs to use 18 months to ensure they are able to meet that level (no margin, sharp 80%). In the ensuing discussion AR clarified that market share (80%) and compliance (90%) are to be considered independently from each other.
3. **Exclusion on non-compliant signatories:** A VA signatory found to be non-compliant for the second time, be it after an audit or a compliance report, will be considered as withdrawn from the VA. In this case, other VAS have to commission a report proving that the market coverage is at least 80% of the products placed on the market, unless the most recently commissioned report undoubtedly shows that the excluded signatory accounted for a small market share and thus after its exclusion the market coverage will remain well above 80%. If the exclusion of the non-compliant VA results in market coverage below 80% for over 6 months, the European Commission will withdraw its recognition and will consider adopting a Regulation.
4. **Withdrawal of Commission recognition** does not mean the self-regulation will stop to exist. It will not anymore be considered valid alternative to an implementing measure.

Adam Romanowski confirmed the consultation process is over for the Commission. Final comments on the guidelines are expected by 4 October 2013, upon which an inter-service consultation will start and last ca. 15 days. The guidelines could be published on DG ENER website in November 2013. He pointed out the guidelines are not a binding document; they will be taken into account for the recognition of the self-regulation.

Adam Romanowski pointed out that most of the stakeholders who provided comments welcomed the fact that such guidelines exist.

ACTION

- EVAP will submit comments to the revised guidelines in October 2013

Pierre Sicsic then said the Voluntary Agreement Signatories (VAS) are hoping to stick to initial timeline and intend to reach a final text by end 2013 in order to start operating under the new VA in 2014. The agreement reached by VAS so far is presented during this meeting. It represents the best effort of the signatories and takes into account the comments received so far. These commitments are highly ambitious and still have to be formally approved by each signatory's management. After today's meeting, the revised text of the VA will be finalized and sent to stakeholders and the EC in the course of October, in the hope to receive an (informal?) approval before the end of the year if possible.

Adam Romanowski confirmed that the Consultation Forum on Ecodesign will have to provide its opinion before the Commission can formulate a final position (ensure it is in line with the Directive, etc.). The CF may either meet in person or conduct a written consultation. Either way, documents have to be sent one month before the meeting and stakeholders have another month to comment. It is therefore unlikely for the Commission to recognize the VA before the end of 2013.

Adam Romanowski asked whether the entry into force of the revised VA could be delayed to allow enough time for Commission recognition. He also noted that it is likely that the formal

Commission recognition will happen in the same way as it did for the first VA, i.e. it was already in place by the time the recognition happened.

VAS have already started testing new products against ES 2.0, no new products are being tested under version 1.2.

3.1. Clarified deadlines for reporting

Please refer to attached slide 6 for details.

Presented deadlines differ from the guidelines, due to the fact that some VAS' fiscal year ends after 28 February (some on 31 March)

Report #	reference	Date of report delivery to SteCo	target	Sales period
4	Current VA	30 April 2014		Full calendar 2013
1 « baseline »	New VA	30 April 2015	Baseline	Full calendar 2014
2	New VA	30 April 2016	Tier I	Full calendar 2015
3	New VA	30 April 2017	Tier II	Full calendar 2016

Pierre Sicsic explained that a baseline report in 2015 (for 2014 data) is needed to establish initial situation for each signatory as it will have changed relative to the current VA and to assess the gap to reach compliance for the next report, where the new VA will apply. A clear baseline measurement is needed to establish targets.

Signatories ran estimations of Energy Star 2.0 penetration rates among sales in calendar year 2012 to establish targets for the next tiers. These rates are a rough approximation as there are several changes in the new Energy Star product categories and measurement methods (see slide 15) that will require real measurement on sales in 2014, in order to establish a solid baseline for the VA progression.

In the ensuing discussions, participants discussed the issue of 2014 being potentially a “dead” year with no commitment from industry, as it would only be used as a baseline report showing where each signatory is in relation to 2015 targets. It was suggested that VAS could be required to be compliant with the current VA and assess where they stand relative to the new VA in a baseline report.

Several scenarios have been discussed (postponing start of compliance with the revised VA , revising Tiers, possibly removing Tier 1, adopting flat increase between targets, dual reporting – 2014 against current VA + baseline report against 2015 targets, etc.).

ACTION:

- Adam Romanowski to send IDC report (if public) to stakeholders to help measure level of ambition of proposals.

3.2. Background data

Please refer to slide 7 for details.

Signatories are committed to providing details upon request. An anonymized table (per signatory and model) will be compiled.

3.3. Transparency

Please refer to slide 8 for details.

There was a discussion relative to the publication of compliant products, where Milena Presutto mentioned she was in favor of disclosing such a list.

3.4. Audit process

Please refer to slide 9 for details.

Stéphane Arditi pointed out that as currently drafted, chances of spotting a non-compliant product are slim (2 products of maximum 3 companies per year). The costs involved in testing the products were acknowledged.

Pierre Sicsic responded that there are indeed 3 sets of tests and as such, non-compliant signatories could be identified:

- Random (3 companies/year)
- Intelligence-based in case of suspicion of non-compliance
- 6 month test for non-compliant signatory above.

ACTION

- Stakeholders are invited to comment on the new auditing rules looking at the revised guidelines.

3.5. Penalties for non-compliant Signatory

Please refer to slide 11 for details.

3.6. Rules for next revision

Please refer to slide 12.

3.7. Energy Star 2.0 compliance rate

Please refer to slides 13-14 for details.

Main changes:

1. Energy efficiency targets
2. Sleep mode power
3. Functional adders
4. Automatic duplex printing requirements

Participants extensively discussed when the new VA requirements should enter into force and which VA the signatories should be compliant with while waiting for formal EC recognition. See also discussion under agenda item 3.1.

3.8. Default Duplex

Please refer to slide 21.

3.9. Design for Recycling

Please refer to slide 22.

It was clarified that large parts means > 100g and that those parts should be made of a single polymer only. Stéphane Arditi and Jonathan Wood asked whether industry could produce the other parts in one polymer as well, in order to ease recycling (i.e. not only parts >100g).

3.10. Material efficiency

Please refer to slide 23.

Stéphane Arditi invited VAS to consider more than only the declaration.

3.11. Cartridge reuse

Please refer to slide 21 for details.

Vincent Van Dijk said ETIRA is concerned with the exception included in article 4.4. He said that there is a good dialogue with EVAP on this issue. ETIRA is keen to ensure the exception does not become the rule, which would mean that a majority of products would fall under the current exception.

Jonathan Wood suggested clarifying whether containers are covered.

Stéphane Arditi suggested identifying spare parts and saying where they can be found, thus aligning with WEEE Directive.

3.12. Information

Stéphane Arditi said that on 10 June, EEB-ECOS asked how product environmental information will be released (internet, instruction manuals?) and whether it will be harmonized to facilitate comparison (format of info very different).

He also reminded the Steering Committee that during the meeting on 10 June 2013, EEB/ECOS raised the issue of spare parts availability (usually 5 years for B2B products) and suggested developing a typical lifetime methodology for devices (durability).

ACTION

- VAS to document the total energy consumption calculation method, and include it in the VA.

4. AOB

No AOB were added to the agenda.

Adam Romanowski asked stakeholders to think about when they want to align the text of the VA to the guidelines.

ACTIONS:

- EVAP to insert its proposals directly in the VA text and circulate for comments (i.e. do not circulate a presentation again).
- EVAP to circulate the latest version of the slides used today

- Adam Romanowski asked that minutes of previous SC meetings be put on CIRCA.

5. Date of next Steering Committee

The next SC meeting will probably take place during the second week of January 2014 (to be confirmed).

Once VA text is received, it will be decided whether a CF meeting is needed. Comments will be invited. A SC meeting will then be organized with the amended version included stakeholders comments.

- **Closing of the meeting**

William Dazy closed the meeting at 16.00.