

ErP Lot 4 VA – Steering Committee meeting

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Name	Company
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5. Kimber Stephen	Brother
6. Rodriguez Martinez Sara	HP
7. Santos Nuno	HP
8. Tobing Debora	Epson
9. Ulken Dierk	Toshiba
Externals	
10. Paunescu George	European Commission
11. Raychinova Teodora	EuroVAprint ASBL
12. Robertson Chris	RINA Consulting (Edif ERA)
13. Saouli Ferial	EuroVAprint ASBL
14. Van Dijk Vincent	European Toner and Inkjet Remanufacturers Association (ETIRA)
Apologies	
15. Arditi Stephane	European Environmental Bureau (EEB)
16. Cosgrove Andy	Xerox
17. Coyle Adrian	OKI
18. Dubray Marie-Hélène	Panasonic
19. Forstreuter Frank	Sharp
20. Manev Boris	Epson
21. Martin Alex	RINA Consulting (Edif ERA)
22. Osuno Ginika	Ricoh
23. Rana Sandeep	Samsung
24. Rawling Church Tracey	Kyocera
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26. Spengler Laura	Oekopol
27. Vega Pablo	Ricoh
28. Wachholz Carsten	European Environmental Bureau (EEB)

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MEETING MINUTES

1. Opening of the meeting

Sara Rodriguez (HP), President of EuroVAprint (EVAP), opened the meeting and welcomed all participants. As there were new faces, all participants introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the minutes of previous SC meeting (22 June 2016)

The email approval of the minutes of the SC held on 22 June 2016 was confirmed. The minutes are therefore considered approved and final. For the record, they can be found on the website of EVAP (<http://www.eurovaprint.eu/pages/steering-committee/>).

3. Independent Inspection update

3.1. Presentation of 2016 compliance report by EDIF ERA

Chris Robertson informed participants that the RINA group acquired Edif ERA and that a rebranding is effective as of 1 June 2017. This will have no impact on their role as independent inspector for the imaging equipment voluntary agreement. He went on to explain the role of the independent inspector and the data collection process (see slides 5-8) and the requirements of VA 5.2 (see slide 9). He then presented the results for period 7 (1 January to 31 December 2016), as follows:

- The compliance rate for **OM was 99.86% (target 93%)**. All but one of Signatory met the requirements by 100% (the remaining one by 99,28%) and no exemptions were claimed.
- The compliance rate for **TEC was 94% (target 80%)** with only one signatory failing to meet the primary design requirements (Part I). This did not affect the overall average for products sold on the EU market. 4 manufacturers claimed exemptions, which represents **0.71% of total units**.
- Non-compliance
 - **Panasonic** has achieved **59%** compliance rate for TEC products (target 80%) because they discontinued all non-compliant models by the end of December 2016. However most distributors purchased more units in order to continue sales for a few more months; Panasonic announced that it will withdraw from the EU market by 31 March 2017. Orders of purchase of compliant new models were cancelled.
- Compliance reporting
 - Signatories responded quickly regarding data queries.

- All Signatories provided Annex C forms satisfactory completed.

4. Random audits reports carried in 2016

1) Non-compliance audit

- Oki and Panasonic were non-compliant with Part I of VA in Period 6 (2015) - Oki achieved 67.5% compliance (target 70%), while Panasonic achieved 60% compliance (target 70%).
- Both signatories submitted action plans to bring themselves into conformity in line with their above statements in June 2016. Plans were judged to be sufficient by the Steering Committee.
- It was therefore agreed at the Steering Committee meeting on 22 June 2016 that no follow up audit would be required in the following year (2017).

2) Random audit

- The VA requires the completion of two random audits per year by the independent inspector. In 2016 the first auditee was Lexmark. After providing various information (laboratory report; product specification and user information; copy of ECO declaration; teardown instructions) **Lexmark was found to be fully compliant**. The second auditee was **Samsung who was also found to be fully compliant** after providing all the information requested (declarations, screenshots, dissemble information).
- The summary of the audit reports were published in 2016 on the EuroVAprint website as per VA requirements.
- In 2017 HP and Epson have been randomly chosen for audit and the process has just started. The report from the independent inspector is expected in September/October 2017.

3) Provision of data to Market Surveillance

- In 2017 EEPLIANT has requested compliance approach information from EuroVAprint and Edif ERA and this has been provided.

4) Energy Consumption in Period 7

- OM products:
 - The signatories have asked the independent inspector to collect information on energy consumption before it was required by the VA and as such, a lot of historic data is available. It shows a reduction by almost half of the energy consumption per unit since 2011 (it has dropped to 53,8%) with non-compliant products representing less than 1% of all products.
- TEC products:
 - Little change has been noted over the first five periods of the VA (2011 to 2014) with a mean energy consumption per unit compared with period 1 (2011) at 78.6% in period 6 and 73.5 % in period 7.

5. Presentation of Energy savings delivered by the VA

Stephen Kimber (Brother) gave an overview of how the VA has been delivering on its commitment for tangible energy savings since 2011.

6. European Commission view on latest VA report

- George Paunescu (EC) began with a brief introduction reminding participants he started working on the VA in January 2017. He pointed out that in his opinion the voluntary

agreements are not only different to (legal) implementing measures, but quite different to each other (e.g. the VA on imaging equipment has different features compared to the one on game consoles). He thanked Sara Rodriguez (HP) and Maxime Furkel (Lexmark) for taking the time to meet with him and introduce the VA and expressed his will to work with the VA signatories in best conditions for achieving the stated objectives.

- In terms of work ahead before next year's expected revision of the VA, he referred to the new Commission guidelines and their requirements. He mentioned that, for example, tier targets should start from 90%, which is quite ambitious. He also referred to the Energy Star specifications for imaging equipment, which are currently under revision.
- Sara Rodriguez (HP) asked whether a certain degree of flexibility on the 90% of units sold in the market as a starting tier could be expected from the guidelines (given that the Energy Star programme and the Voluntary Agreement are based on a tiers approach). George Paunescu (EC) replied that it should be looked at in conjunction with how ambitious the new Energy Star requirements will be.
- Ferial Saouli (EVAP Secretariat) asked if there was anything EuroVAprint could do to improve transparency. George Paunescu (EC) did not raise any issue at this point besides disclosing some aggregated market figures (to help interpreting the graphs). A more comprehensive discussion on this topic will be opened once the revision of the VA starts.
- George Paunescu (EC) congratulated the independent inspector on the clear and factual report on which he had no questions.
- George Paunescu (EC) made the following comments:
 - **VAs withdrawals and market coverage** – a requirement in the new guidelines shows that a third party must audit these numbers. He therefore suggested that a third party could audit the market coverage even starting now, in order to validate that the current market coverage (after recent withdrawals) is still above the minimum threshold. Members around the table agreed that it could be discussed during the next revision.
 - **Non-compliance** – George Paunescu (EC) expressed concerns regarding the process which allowed a company to be non-compliant two years in a row, not undergo a detailed audit after the first year of non-compliance, and finally sell its stocks and withdraw from the market. He asked the signatories to reflect on how the VA mechanisms should be revised for incentivising compliance in a stronger manner and avoiding this kind of development. This point will be discussed during the revision.
 - **Overall compliance and energy savings** are high and consistent. On energy savings George Paunescu (EC) suggested that an alternative baseline could be used (not 2011). He would like to see comparison to other baselines – to which extent were the energy savings driven just by 'normal' technological development?
 - George Paunescu (EC) asked whether it is possible to compare with the USA market (in terms of Energy Star compliance). Signatories explained that there is no register of non-registered Energy Star products, which makes it difficult (if not impossible) to compare the data.
- Stephen Kimber (Brother) asked the European Commission to continue supporting the Energy Star programme which is being threatened in the USA. George Paunescu (EC) replied that the European Commission understands its value and that he will ask Paolo Tosoratti (who is in charge of Energy Star at the EC) about the latest developments.

7. PROSAFE/EEPLIANT update

Nuno Santos (HP) gave an overview on PROSAFE and the EEPLIANT project:

- EEPLIANT has been commissioned to test 40 printers for VA compliance. So far they have tested 30 products and only 3 products have been identified for potential non-compliance – missing the rating plate on the power supply; sleep mode power was 0.02 over the limit; failure to meet sleep mode.
- EEPLIANT has indicated that it had problems with information gathering on eco-declarations and that it has issued an interim report on ‘Deficiencies of the VA’, which has not yet been shared with EuroVAprint. The final report is expected in the end of August.
- Nuno Santos (HP) then gave an overview of all the meetings held with EEPLIANT (8 May, 17 May and 24 May). The final conference where EEPLIANT will present its results will be held on 20 June 2017.
- Nuno Santos (HP) explained that in the future there will be an EEPLIANT II project on network standby.
- Sara Rodriguez (HP) explained that EEPLIANT made several information requests which were followed upon (all IT eco-declarations –but two– have been provided). She also reminded participants that Market Surveillance Authorities have the authority to reach out directly to manufacturers to check compliance, without going through the third-party allegation process (with escrow amount) which has been explained to EEPLIANT. Finally, ADCO members have been added to the Steering Committee mailing list and were invited to this Steering Committee meeting. They will continue to receive meeting invitations and will be invited to participate in the revision of the Voluntary Agreement.
- George Paunescu (EC) said that the EEPLIANT project is funded by Horizon 2020 and is managed by EASME. It is not managed by DG Energy, which is just a stakeholder. The interim report has been sent as a deliverable to EASME. He explained that DG Energy certainly promotes transparency and so far there has been no public presentation on the VA Deficiencies report. Some elements could be presented at the closing conference on 20 June.

8. Any Other Business

Vincent Van Dijk (ETIRA) said ETIRA regrets that eco design includes only energy efficiency and does not incorporate other elements, such as resource scarcity and circular economy. George Paunescu (EC) made a comment that eco design is in fact integrating more and more aspects regarding the circular economy.

9. Closing of the meeting

Sara Rodriguez (HP) said the next Steering Committee meeting would be held probably in June 2018, to present the 2017 compliance report, although another meeting might be convened before to discuss the next revision of the VA, which is expected in 2018 (depending on the Energy Star revision).

She thanked all participants and closed the meeting at 16h45.