

## ErP Lot 4 VA – Steering Committee meeting

Tuesday 4 December 2012, 11am  
367 Avenue Louise, Brussels

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### PARTICIPANTS

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>
1. Maggie Charnley	UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
2. William Dazy	Canon
3. Marie-Helene Dubray	Panasonic
4. Maxime Furkel	Lexmark
5. Hiro Hatano	Ricoh Europe
6. Declan Keegan	Epson
7. Markus Kelch	Konica Minolta
8. Stephen Kimber	Brother
9. Peter McGregor	Oki
10. Tom Moriarty	Dell
11. Sandeep Rana	Samsung
12. Tracey Rawling-Church	Kyocera
13. Chris Robertson	ERA
14. Sara Rodriguez Martinez	HP
15. Adam Romanowski	EC
16. Ferial Saouli	EuroVAprint ASBL
17. Pierre Sicsic	HP

### APOLOGIES

Stephane Arditi	EEB
Greg Batts	Kodak
Ines Oehme	German Federal Environment Agency
Claire Schonbach	Xerox
Laura Spengler	ECOS

## AGENDA

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| 5.1. Presentation of proposed audit process          |                              |
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| 6. Calculation of energy savings delivered by the VA | Maxime Furkel                |
| 7. VA revision draft timeline                        | Maxime Furkel                |
| 8. Presentation of final style changes (v4)          | Sara Rodriguez Martinez      |
| 9. Auditing                                          | Sara Rodriguez Martinez      |
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| 12. Any Other Business                               | All                          |
| 13. Date of next SC meeting                          | Sara Rodriguez Martinez /All |
| 14. Closing of meeting                               | Sara Rodriguez Martinez      |
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## MEETING MINUTES

### 1. Opening of the meeting

Sara Rodriguez Martinez, Chair of the meeting, welcomed participants and opened the meeting.

### 2. Update from EuroVAprint

Sara Rodriguez Martinez, President of EuroVAprint, reminded participants that since the last meeting:

- **Kodak** has decided not to produce imaging equipment (hardware) anymore that falls under the scope of the VA and as such, has left EVAP and the VA. This has been reflected in the latest version of the VA (style changes, v4) and on the EuroVAprint website. All stakeholders were informed in due course.
- Four VAs have started an exchange forum (CSTB, machinery tools and medical equipment groups). A first meeting was held on 13 November 2012 and a conference

call is scheduled this week. One of the main purposes of the forum is to share experience on how each VA is managed, and notably to work together on the Commission's guidelines, which will include, for instance, principles for auditing of all VAs. The VA Exchange hopes to share a joint position on auditing by the end of the year.

### 3. Update from the European Commission

Adam Romanowski (DG Energy) informed all participants that since the last meeting:

- **Recognition process:** a lot of progress has been made in terms of the IE self-regulation (SR) measure. The impact assessment (IA) was adopted by the IA Board, and the draft Report to the European Parliament and Council formally recognizing the VA is currently in the inter-service consultations (ISC) with a deadline for comments of 11 December 2012. All the opinions received so far are positive. It is expected that the draft Report, will be adopted in January or February 2013.
- The draft Report includes 4 conclusions, as follows:
  1. SR measure complies with the criteria in the Ecodesign Directive;
  2. SR measure will achieve the objectives of the Ecodesign Directive faster than a Regulation;
  3. SR is a valid alternative to a Regulation, as long as it attains its objectives;
  4. The EC together with stakeholders will closely monitor the implementation of the SR measure.
- Furthermore, Adam Romanowski informed that following the Consultation Forum meeting of 9 October 2012, the Commission and stakeholders expect the Signatories to prepare a new set of requirements including on non-energy related aspects. Moreover, the signatories shall include provisions on access to background data, auditing, and ensure greater transparency by disclosing names of companies and models compliant with the VA.
- **EC guidelines on SR measures:** while the deadline to produce the guidelines, as agreed at the CF on 9 October, was early 2013, the EC has prepared a preliminary draft which covers the following 5 parts:
  - o Objectives of the guidelines;
  - o Role and nature of SR;
  - o Explanation of legal framework applying to SR measures;
  - o Necessary elements of SR measures: scope, monitoring, auditing, etc.;
  - o Recognition process of SR measures.

Adam Romanowski also explained the rationale behind the new guidelines, as follows:

- o Better explain legal framework of SR, as we have better knowledge now based on experience;
- o Ensure greater consistency in text/structure of VAs;
- o Ensure uniform interpretation of rules and principles applying to SR measures under Ecodesign Directive.

The guidelines will not have a form of a legal act and therefore the formal ISC will not be required. DG Energy will, however, run an informal internal consultation with other key services to give them a chance make comments (e.g. DG ENTR who has also 2 SR measures). In terms of next steps, all stakeholders (and certainly IE and CSTB VAs) will have a chance to provide input before the document is discussed at the next CF in Q1, 2013 (tentative date 1 March 2013).

#### **4. Remarks from stakeholders at the CF**

William, Sara and Maxime reported on the meeting EVAP had with EEB and ECOS on 22 November 2012. The agenda covered points raised by NGOs at the CF on 9 October 2012. As these organisations could not attend the SC, they submitted their comments in writing, most of which were shared at the meeting.

Broadly speaking, the remarks from stakeholders can be summarized as follows:

1. **Level of ambition of current commitment** and the absence of a 2-tier system. EVAP confirmed it has to work on the basis of the text companies have agreed to and the fact that Energy Star 2.0 has been delayed.
2. **Improve communication with stakeholders.** EVAP explained that communication is an ongoing process and that it is working on it. NGOs acknowledged that sometimes the issue lies at their end as they do not have enough resources to follow all dossiers and provide timely input
3. **Energy savings:** this project to measure the overall sector improvement since the launch of the VA has been taken on board after the CF. Data is currently being collected.
4. **Verification for non-compliance and sanctions:** the IE VA is one of the most stringent in terms of sanctions (there is an exclusion mechanism for non-compliance). This of course can be improved – e.g. see how other VAs are approaching the issue.
5. **Auditing:** will be addressed thoroughly during the revision and with the VA exchange forum.

#### **5. Update from ERA**

Please refer to the slides.

After the presentation by ERA, Adam Romanowski insisted that the Independent Inspector reports to the SC as a whole and as such should make his reports available to the SC (and not to EVAP), which was acknowledged by ERA.

#### **6. Calculation of energy savings delivered by the VA**

Maxime Furkel informed all participants that a project has been launched measuring energy usage for all signatories for each period, to track the evolution of the trend of the industry. Data will be reported, by ERA, for the industry as a whole, not by company. The target is to present the report at the beginning of 2013. It will be improved at each period and will be shared with stakeholders.

#### **7. Presentation of final VA style changes – v4**

Sara Rodriguez Martinez reminded all participants of the process to finalise the style changes of the VA. Version 4 has been distributed and is available on the EVAP website. It includes an explanatory note about what the changes are (mainly correcting language imperfections and the market coverage since the withdrawal of Kodak). This is the version that will be used for the revision.

#### **8. Auditing**

Sara Rodriguez Martinez (SRM) reported that Signatories have been working on a set of principles, which are under discussion with other VAs (the “VA Exchange”). The group is working on draft principles which will be sent to the EC by the end of December. The EC is considering hiring an Independent Inspector to check the compliance of the Signatories with valid VAs. It is understood that the European Commission would then bear the cost of the

Independent Inspector's work.

The following criteria are under discussion among the VAs:

- Auditors
- Audit selection:
  - Random
  - Intelligence based
- Frequency
- Scope
- Confidentiality
- Submission
- Costs

Adam Romanowski informed all participants that the draft guidelines do include a section on auditing (elements of the report, how companies should be approached, and requirements to appoint the Independent Inspector).

Adam also confirmed that the EC anticipates physical test to be conducted by the Independent Inspector.

**ACTION:**

- SRM to confirm whether current EVAP set of principles can be shared at this stage with ERA and the EC.

**9. Reporting**

Claire Schonbach could not attend the meeting. No information on reporting has been shared at the SC meeting today.

**10. Update on E\*2**

Maxime Furkel provided the following update on Energy Star 2.0:

- New draft of specifications is expected before Christmas
- Final draft of specifications is expected in February 2013
- Expected enforcement by December 2013/January 2014
- Potential revision every 2-3 years (depending on compliance rates)
- The EU will start separate Energy Star registration process
- Different compliance rates will apply in the EU (tests are different, notably due to the different paper size, letter vs A4 which impacts the speed)

**ACTION:**

- EuroVAprint to contact Jacek Truscynski

**11. AOB**

**Timeline for revision**

The revision process will start in January 2013 and all stakeholders are invited to submit their "wish list" to EVAP before 15 January 2013. The revision process should take 1 year.

The EC expects the signatories to incorporate in the new version of the SR measure requirements on non-energy related aspects. In Adam Romanowski's view, these shall also include cartridges. Adam also suggested making clear references to existing provisions on non-energy related aspects laid down in other pieces of legislation, standards, etc. to avoid unnecessary work. (Maggie Charnley (DEFRA) said she would send the UK views to the European Commission ahead of the 15 January deadline.

Adam Romanowski suggested looking into the current revision process of the Regulations on televisions (Lot 5) where the requirements on non-energy related aspects were proposed.

Adam Romanowski also stressed that the signatories shall ensure that all relevant stakeholders will be involved in the work on the new version of the SR measure (including companies that are not the signatories).

Finally, Adam Romanowski suggested that a note requesting stakeholders to submit their 'wish lists' should be considered by the signatories.

**ACTION:**

- All stakeholders to submit their "wish list" of comments to be included in the revised text by **15 January 2013**.

**12. Date of next Steering Committee**

The next meeting will take place on **Friday 26 April 2013** in Brussels, starting at 11.00 hrs CET.

**13. Close of meeting**

Sara Rodriguez Martinez closed the meeting at 12.30pm.