



Meetings Notes

**Meeting of the EGEA Working Group 1
Thursday 13th October 2011 (16.00 – 18.00)
Equip Auto - Paris**

Participants:

ASSOCIATION	NAME
ABL	Bustnes, Tor Even
AFIBA/ Cascos	Alvarez-Cascos, Carlos
AFIBA/ Velyen licensed by ISTOBAL	Pérez, Vicente
AICA/ Samiro - Ravaglioli SpA	Manganelli, Fausto
ASA/ MAHA	Burger, Klaus
FMA/Techno Automotive Equipment	Hellebaut, Nico
GEA	Garratt, Dave
SAA	Fritschi, Hans-Peter
STM	Sosnowski, Rafal
EGEA Secretariat	Pattemore, Neil

1. Opening and welcome by the chairman

The Chairman welcomed the members and asked each to introduce themselves.

2. Roll call of participants

Roll call introduction – those who attended are listed above.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Previous minutes from 30.10.2009 – meeting held in Brussels

The previous minutes were approved.

5. Election of Chairman

Discussion

- H-P F asked the two candidates to introduce themselves and propose their candidacy.
- Vicente Perez (Velyen/Istobal) presented himself and explained the company and personal history and how helping this WG1 would benefit the whole of the EGEA, even if other members were competitors. To work as a team, and to follow the example set by Hans-Peter Fritschi to the benefit of everyone.
- Fausto Manganelli – 30 years in Ravaglioli – 5 years in charge of the R & D. Working with the Italian lifting group. Member of the Italian standards organisation. Member for many years of the CEN/TC98 WG3, the European Committee of Standardization. (Worked on the revision of EN 1493:2010)

Decision

- Fausto Manganelli was elected with unanimity to become chairman of Working Group 1 as of 01 January 2012.

6. New machinery directive

6.1. Experience on the implementation/ open questions

6.2. Reactions from the market

6.3. Next steps

Discussion

- Distributors are importing all lift products to each market, but they do not know or understand the machinery directive. We need to address how this knowledge can be improved. People are still dying through using lifts incorrectly.
- Cascos have tried to push the Ministry of Labour in Spain, but with very limited impact, as their focus was on old lifts, rather than implementing the new 2006/42/EC standard. The local health and safety authority can implement however they wish, especially if there have been accidents/deaths, to improve safety.
- Klaus Burger proposed an explanatory leaflet (in different languages) to deliver the message (similar to WG8 exhaust extraction leaflet). The target audience is not so clear, but needs to include end users, distributors, the national H & S authorities and also the insurance companies, who would 'Police' the regulations. This should be directly focused on delivering benefits to EGEA members through the promotion of high quality products meeting the EU Standards.
- Each EGEA national member could create and distribute 'stamp labels' to use on all documents sent to customers to highlight the Machinery Directive/1493. Focus on sending information to the insurance companies, as these will enforce the new specification requirements – with no insurance cover, or even severe penalties, if the lift is not compliant.

Actions

- All WG1 members to send to NP (cc: secretariat) their proposals about how we can promote the machinery directive/1493 by the end of October.
- NP together with the secretariat to define who is responsible for the CE approval if a product is imported to the EU?

7. New EN1493:2010

7.1. Major changes on the revision / open questions

- OK for all members

7.2. Implementation by the local Notified Bodies (e.g. Sweden)

- Swedish Work Environment Authority can retro apply the EN1493:2010. Fausto Manganelli stated that the critical issue was if the lift was CE Conformity certified to EN1493 originally. If so, then it is a certification authority issue. It is possible to sell a new lift, without conforming to EN1493, as long as the manufacturer can demonstrate /show the risk analysis to the notified body that the design meets or exceeds the EN1493:2010 standard.

Action:

- NP to check this information

- H-P Fritschi clarified that due to the 8th April 2011 publication date + 6 months, that actually the final date is 8th October 2011 'placed on the market'. This means after production, so can be un-limited if a lift remains in stock at a distributor

Action:

- EGEA Secretariat to check and confirm this information

- Fausto Manganelli raised the issue of 2 post lifts where the design allows 2 arms to be aligned on the same side of the lift (i.e. both arms are pointing backwards and the lifting points are both behind the post). This can create a significant imbalance outside the lift design. FM is currently in discussion with the notified bodies to propose a solution.

Action:

- FM to send details to NP for circulation to WG1 members for comments.
- HPF tries to organize a meeting before the end of this year with the WG members of the commission of the notified Bodies to clear these items and work out a **"Recommendation of use"**

7.3. CE Approvals and Certificates

- For the moment clear to all members.

7.4. Reaction from the market (if already any)

7.5. Next steps

- No market feedback.

Action:

- EGEA to create and issue a statement for use by members (see above)

8. Next meetings, frequency and location

To be confirmed when a meeting may be necessary.

9. Any other business

Discussion

- Short presentation by NP about Electric Vehicles (EVs) lift, lifting issues – no specific issues exists for 2 or 4 post lifts.
- Carlos Alvarez-Cascos asked if EGEA could help to promote the replacement of old lifts, confirming the impact of the new machinery directive/1493.

- Dave Garratt stated the UK H & S Executive to test 10 vehicle lifts for the arm locking mechanisms – to be able to handle 20% capacity of the lift design.

Actions

- The secretariat to circulate the presentation on EVs
- GEA to ask their members (many of whom are distributors) if they want to work with the H & S Exec – it is their choice, but if the distributor says no, then this could mean that the H & S Executive contact the lift manufacturers directly.

The meeting ended at 18.05.

Neil Pattemore
13th October 2011