



MEETING NOTES

EGEA Working Group 6 – Braking/Suspension Testers

Thursday 18th June, 10h00 – 16h30

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Participants:

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EGEA	Neil Pattemore (NP)
EGEA	Eléonore van Haute (EVH)

1. Opening and welcome by the Chairman

- On behalf of EGEA, FB welcomed all participants. On the request of MB who had to leave earlier, FB asked the members if points 5 and 6 of the agenda could be discussed first. This was agreed unanimously by all members.
- FB thanked again NP for his concise presentation given on Interactive PTI ECSS testing at the CITA Conference in Dubai (April 2015).

2. Approval of the minutes of the last Working Group 6 meeting held on 20th November 2013 in Brussels

With no further remarks, the minutes of the last WG6 meeting held on 20th November 2013 in Brussels were approved.

3. PTI Directive 2014/45/EU – Next steps and implementation at national level

3.1. Identification of topics of interest for EGEA WG6 (see highlights of attachment 1)

- “T” category – Tractors
- “O3” and “O4” categories - Trailers and caravans
- L3e, L4e, L5e and L7e categories – Two, Three or small fourwheel vehicles
- Frequency of testing of old, damaged, > 160.000km, etc. vehicles
- Electronic test certificate (=> electronic vehicle platform)
- ECSS – brake systems (ABS, EBS, ECS)
- ECSS – head lights
- ECSS – other WG6 relevant functionality tests?
- Suspension testing

3.2. Mutual Information: Implementation activities in the member states

- A round-up amongst members (Germany, Italy and Spain) was made to get updated news on the implementation actions of the PTI Directive 2014/45/EU carried out at national levels.

3.3. Definition of WG6 activities

- Decision to keep exchanging good practices and news on implementation activities carried out at national levels amongst WG6 members.

4. EGEA Market Study (Wolk/Leo-Impact) (See attachment 2)

4.1. WG 6 product list

- The list of products which will be covered by the market study conducted by two consultancies (Wolk and Leo-Impact) was reviewed by the members (version dated 10th June 2015). No further amendments were made.
- Members reported about their current statistical initiatives carried out at national level (For Germany and Italy only, in Spain no statistics activities).

4.2. Actual status of the participating companies

- Some members reported that they were briefly informed about the creation of such study via their national association, but practical clarifications should be given on how companies will provide the data (per company directly or channeled via national associations?) and precisions should be made on the data privacy issues surrounding the release of such data per company/association.
- Actions: the secretariat to inform the consultancies accordingly and to prepare information package for national associations/companies as regards next steps and data privacy issues.

4.3. Definition of WG6 activities

- No WG6 activities have been defined, next actions will be carried out by individual companies directly.

5. Suspension testing (See attachment 3)

5.1. Information and discussion of the results of the meeting held on 29th January 2015

- The GOCA test series concluded that there was a very poor correlation between all three suspension testing systems and unfortunately the vehicles selected for these tests were not representatives (mostly new cars).
- EVH reported that GOCA complained about the absence of feedback given from the EGEA side after the tests. It was decided that a letter/email should be sent to GOCA informing them that EGEA will not proceed with a further study at the GOCA test facilities.

5.2. Decision on EGEA official statement

- Following these test results, members discussed the fact that an alternative EGEA statement should be found as the current one is already outdated.
- Before going any further, EVH and NP reminded the meeting participants that suspension testing is in the PTI Directive 2014/45/EU but that there is a void between what is currently in place and what could be included in the future.

In the last Roadworthiness Committee meeting held on June 16th in Brussels, some Member States (notably Finland and Ireland) asked to exchange information between EU Member States on current and future/planned activities regarding suspension testing in PTI at the next Roadworthiness Committee meeting in autumn 2015. The reason is that some Member States are interested in improving suspension testing but a common EU solution should be found/proposed (with minimum cost) to avoid disparity.

In order to have a clear view on existing suspension testing systems in place in the EU, MX offered to send a compilation made by CITA (please see attachments 4 & 5).

- Discussion on possible solutions:
 - A) Either to agree one hardware as suggested by GOCA
 - B) Or to agree a formula. This would be done by using a 'black-room' environment with a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) for all parties participating to define the new project so as to protect respective formulas/methods. Depending on the outcome of these discussions, a common paper could be created before going to any independent body (e.g. IDIADA) for a proof of concept.

5.3. WG6 project funding

- This point was not addressed at this stage since the project should be re-defined first.

5.4. Next steps

- All members suggested to go for the Solution B described here above under point 5.2.
- The secretariat together with the Chairman will prepare some information for all members who were not present at this meeting calling for experts who would like to participate to the first small group (black-room) meeting.

6. CEN TC301/WG11 – Drafting of standard for the safety of roller brake testers for vehicles (> 3,5 tons GVW)

6.1. Actual status quo

- The next WG11 meeting will take place on 7th and 8th of July in Brussels (GOCA).
- The final proposal should be agreed by end of December 2015
- After discussion, it was commonly agreed that a simple standard should be defined with less strict requirements and no defined check list as it was suggested by the representative of the French Ministry of Labour.

6.2. Definition of WG 6 activities

- No common WG6 activities will be carried out but each member will follow the process at national level and general direction amongst WG6 members has been given.

7. New EGEA Working Group rules

- Following the new EGEA Working Group rules which stipulate that elections of Working Group Chairmen should be done very two years and since FB was elected as WG6 Chairman on 13th October 2011, new elections should be organised at next WG6 meeting.
- A call for candidates will be sent to all EGEA members as candidates for election must be nominated first through the national associations.

8. Next meetings, frequency and location.

- It was decided to fix the next WG6 meeting once further small group discussions (black-room) on suspension testing have taken place and once the common paper is finalised.
- FB, as Chairman, expressed his disappointment about the participation rate to this meeting as 3 doodle polls were conducted in order to find a date suiting all WG6 members.
- The Chairman thanked all participants for this fruitful meeting.

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