

**RSG Committee Meeting  
Leuven, Belgium**

**21-22 April 2015**

This was a meeting of the Recreational Craft Sectoral Group (RSG) Committee. The RSG consists of the Notified Bodies (NB) for the Recreational Craft Directive, and representatives of industry. NMMA is a member of this group. The main objective of the meeting is to deal with issues concerning the applicability of the Recreational Craft Directive (RCD).

PFE – Proposal for Inquiry

RFU – Recommendation for Use

ARFU – Approved RFU by the Standing Committee

IDG – Internet Discussion Document

NB – Notified Body

CEN – European Committee for Standardization

WG – ISO Work Group

PCA – Post Construction Assessment

DoC – Declaration of Conformity

**RCD Topics**

Secretariat Report

- Non-participating NBs will be sent a letter requesting that they become active in the RSG which is required by the RCD.

Commission Report

- NBs can be renotified for the new directive on 18 January 2016. All notifications for the old directive expire on 18 January 2017. An NB may be notified for both the old and the new RCD for one year. Only 3 current NBs at the meeting are in the process of being renotified.
- The EU Commission will be looking to adopt an implementing act for interpretation of the MIC code requirements of the new RCD. This act has the force of legislation. When asked to review the implementing act to determine what was submitted to the commission, the RSG was told that it was not yet available to read. Very odd since a draft has been presented but the industry does not have access to the draft. The RSG didn't seem to have the same concern that the industry has on this topic.  
**Action:** Closely watch the progress of this act.
- A new Blue Book will be produced as the Blue Guide 2014. **Action:** Obtain a copy

ADCO Report

- Investing the RCD application to inflatables, PWC and amphibious craft.
- The ICOMIA guidelines for the DoC were reviewed and comments submitted.
- Agreed that components (stock) certified to old standards, even when a new standard has been approved, may be used in new construction and presumed to conform to the RCD.
- Recalled a Chinese boat that is not CE certified. Even though the recall is originated in RAPEX, each member state must issue their own recall.

**RSG Conformity Assessment Procedures (CAP) Subgroup Topics**

RFU/PFE's

- PFE 011 – Covers certifications during the transition period
- PFE 266 – Addresses the handling of innovative products by the NB
- PFE 268 – Addresses how to handle mistakes to the DoC
- RFU 270 – Clarifies used boat / engine combinations for assessment
- RFU 273 – Clarifies Lh for Italian licensing of yachts. To be sent to ISO WG for review

- RFU 278 – Clarifies that sliding pot protection applies to electric stove tops, even though there are no applicable ISO standards
- RFU 280 – A manufacturer cannot lodge applications with different NBs

### **RSG Design and Construction Subgroup Topics**

#### PFEs

- PFE 285 – Not Under Command lights; Sent to subgroup for discussion
- PFE 286 – Builder's plate maximum loads; Sent to subgroup for discussion
- PFE 287 – Use of Righting Curves; Sent to subgroup for discussion

#### Issues of the DCN Subgroup

- Discussed the procedure of using an internet discussion prior to subgroup discussion. NMMA asked that the subgroups review all PFEs even though the secretary requested fast track voting without discussion if online voting was positive. NMMA was the only member submitting comments to the three new PFEs and these comments would have been lost in fast track voting. The chair agreed with NMMA and the PFEs were sent to the subgroups.

### **RSG Exhaust Subgroup Topics**

#### PFEs

- 284 – Petrol engines converted to LPG need to be assessed for emissions.

### **RSG General Issues**

- The CEN consultant issued a report comparing the two RCDs and highlighted changes. Also identified those standards that needed revision to support the new RCD. **Action:** Obtain a copy of the report for distribution.
- ICOMIA is concerned that the next level of regulations will be in underwater noise.
- RSG will maintain a library of all DoCs issued from all NBs.
- All the RFUs have been updated to reflect the requirements of the new RCD. The future RSG Guidelines will return to the lean version, and will not include the Blue Book and the CC papers. It will also become an on-line document. This new format will begin June 2016 at the introduction of the new RCD.
- Listed the information required in an Aa (A1) examination report in the RSG Guidelines Annex 6.
- The TTIP was discussed. A previous meeting with the Commission assured that the TTIP will probably exclude recreational craft and will not affect the boating industry in the EU.

The next meetings of the RSG subgroups are scheduled for 27-28 September 2015 in Fiesso d'Artico, Italy and for 3-4 March 2016 in Palma de Majorca. The next meeting of the RSG Committee is tentatively scheduled for 19-20 April, 2016 in Leuven, Belgium.

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