

Explosives for civil uses Task Force



Federation of European
Explosives Manufacturers



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Explosives for civil uses Task Force Members:

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Explosives for civil uses

Reported by César Luaces Frades (Chair)

Background

Directive 2008/43/EC : 'a system for the identification and traceability of explosives for civil uses'

- To set up a harmonised system for the unique identification and traceability of explosives for civil uses
- To be applied from 5 April 2012
- Huge amount of products to be permanently controlled in the supply chain
 - One billion units / year
 - For a period of 10 years
 - Implementation's challenges

State of Play

- 2010-2011 Users – Manufacturers' participation
EC 'Explosives for civil uses' WG
- Dec. 2011 Approval of the new Directive
- Feb. 2012 Official Postponement of the Directive

➤ *Agreement to prepare a common action plan between the whole supply chain to implement the Directive in time*

- 5 April 2013 – Marking Obligations
- **5 April 2015** – Repackaging and Recording Obligations

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Objective

To **Inform** the whole supply chain

On the **main duties** of the Commission
Directive 2008/43/EC

For a **proper and timely implementation**

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Participants

European Commission

Users: NEEIP Members: CEMBUREAU, EUROGYPSUM, EUROMINES, IMA-Europe, UEPG (Chair) and other Extractive – SSDCEI Associations: EURACOAL, industriAll

Explosives Manufacturers: FEEM

Blasting Representatives: German Blasting Association and EFEE

Software Manufacturers: TTE-Europe GmbH and Explosives Manufacturers' companies

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Meetings in 2012 and 2013 :

▪ **Results:**

- Draft Recommendation for a common action plan
- Technical, Logistics & Legal issues raised
- Starting work of dissemination
- Definition of end users
- Interpretation of Small items
- Guidance documents

- **Working on** raising awareness:
 - Guidance document for end users/ TF Website



Some challenges to be solved

- Compliance with National legislation
- Technical challenges to be tackled
- How to help user, especially **SMEs** to comply with?
- A common code (FEEM) and a common structure of the information and files

Recommendations Actions

- In 2 years time:
 - Dissemination to the whole supply chain
 - Use of FEEM voluntary code
 - Small articles guidance document
 - Operational Procedures, marketing and labeling
 - Safety and Legal requirements for Hardware and Software
 - IT System, Installations, Software companies in line with National and EU legislations applicable in other countries and users
 - Training Documents – Campaign - Action

EC Explosives WG



Last meetings:

- 25 October 2012:

- Presentation of the ongoing recommendations' common action plan document
- No comments received - **Agreement**

- 18 October 2013:

- Presentation of guidance document for raising awareness for comments and approval

Support from SSDCEI Partners

- **Since 22 Feb. 2013:**

Partners of the SSDCEI contribute to the Task Force

The Trade Union: industriAll positively support the Task Force



Next Explosives for civil uses TF

- Manufacturers and importers' compliance
- Tracks and traces IT latest developments
- Identify any challenges raised during the first phase of the implementation
- Dissemination of the Guidance to the whole supply chain
- Start drafting guidance document for users
- TF Website (free of charge)

Who we are?



Background



Members



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Documents



Links



Documents

- [Guidance Document](#)
Guidance Document for the whole supply chain to support proper and timely implementation of Commission Directive 2008/43/EC on a system for the identification and traceability of explosives for civil uses
- [Presentation about Readability of the new Marking](#)
A presentation of the German Blasting Association

Contact

Legal mention

Thank you for your attention