

SMART WC WG – changing name to  
WCs, SPRAY SEATS and WASHING BIDETS

**MINUTES**

**Date: 6 July 2022**

**Venue: Microsoft Teams**

**1. WELCOME BY TECHNICAL CHAIR**

Christian Taylor-Hamlin, elected chair of the UWLA Technical Committee welcomed all to the meeting.

**2. COMPETITION ACT**

Mrs Orgill referred delegates to the Association statement on compliance with all aspects of Competition Law. Members present confirmed acceptance.

**3. MINUTES**

The minutes of the first meeting of this WG held 9 December 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate account of the meeting.

**4. ELECT CHAIRPERSON**

Mr Taylor-Hamlin advised that following the call for nominations for the vacant position of Chair of this WG, he was pleased to advise that Timo Kopka of Laufen had put himself forward for the position. This nomination was fully supported, and Mr Kopka was elected as Chairman.

Mr Taylor-Hamlin congratulated Mr Kopka as Chairman, who then commenced chairing the meeting.

**5. OVERVIEW OF PROJECT PROPOSAL AND DESK RESEARCH**

Mr Kopka advised that following desk research undertaken by the Secretariat the previously circulated proposal identified existing Standards, areas to be debated and those which are not relevant.

In addition, the Chairman annotated notes on the proposal and the WG identified the following areas for further investigation:

- Japanese Standard JIS A4422
- IEC requirements and National requirements
- AS 1172.1
- Clearer definition and understanding on air gaps and which are relevant

## **6. TO AGREE SCOPE**

A discussion took place to agree the scope for the new criterion. It was agreed that water and energy use is paramount, with electrical safety compliance and backflow other key considerations that could be covered by the declaration of conformity.

Products out of scope included, bidet seats and WC suites plus electrically operated WCs not intended for washing. Smart functions, blue tooth and sound are also excluded as the primary focus is water delivery.

The WG proposed and accepted that the term 'spray seats and WCs with spray seats and washing bidets' is reflected in the working title of the WG to provide clarity on activity and focus. All agreed that the new criteria will require definitions for products that are included.

It was agreed that the energy aspect will cover instantaneous and energy for heating water. It was agreed that further discussion at future meetings could identify other aspects that should be included.

## **7. ACTIVITY TIME PLAN**

The WG agreed that a base criterion is required with test criteria before any time plan can be agreed upon. Once these are agreed and tested then a label can be designed to reflect the criterion and 'classes/grades'. A 'launch date' will be agreed that is acceptable to all, with all relevant information uploaded to the website prior to launch.

It was proposed and agreed that a small subgroup is formed to develop a base criterion that will be the basis for ongoing discussion. Toto, Geberit and Laufen agreed to participate within the subgroup.

## **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The subgroup agreed to meet during the autumn with a base criterion ready for the next meeting which will coincide with the Open Forum/AGM meeting in December at the same venue..