

Technical Meeting

NOTES FROM THE MEETING

Date: 14 December 2022

Time: 1pm until 4pm

Spray Seat/WCs/Washing bidet separate Agenda

Venue: Roca Gallery Barcelona and Microsoft Teams

21. Attendees

This meeting was a hybrid meeting. Attendees, both physical and via Teams on the sign in sheet form part of these minutes.

22. Welcome and Introduction

Mr Taylor-Hamlin, elected Technical Chair welcomed all to Technical meeting and gave thanks to Roca for hosting. He also advised that a copy of the day's presentation will be available from the website and forms part of these minutes.

23. Competition Law

Members in attendance and online were referred to the UWLA Competition Law statement, a copy of which is also available on www.uwla.eu. The competition law statement provides information relating to the boundaries for discussion and final decision, thus ensuring UWLA activity keeps within the boundaries of the Competition Act.

24. Minutes

Mr Taylor-Hamlin requested approval of the minutes/notes from the previous meeting and approval of the day's agenda. He also requested if delegates had any additional topics to be added to the agenda. Members approved the minutes/notes from the previous technical meeting and no further topics were added to the agenda.

25. Recirculating Shower WG

Mr Taylor-Hamlin referred to the previously circulated proposed criteria and label. Mr Taylor-Hamlin advised no comments had been received on the criteria and he sought confirmation from members to take it to the AGM for ratification into the scheme. This was agreed.

Mr Taylor-Hamlin proposed that if ratified at AGM, there would be a 2 prong approach, allowing companies to register from March going live in June – this was agreed.

26. CEN Activity

Mr Taylor-Hamlin provided an overview on the development of a functionality standard via CEN platform for taps and showers. Mr Taylor-Hamlin reminded members that the UWLA had already committed to aligning the UWL with any future new tests that may be developed through this CEN work.

It was reported that within the CEN work for showers majority of tests already align with the UWL, however discussions are identifying test for spray force. Discussions are ongoing as to whether this test will only apply to lower flow rates as with the pressure independence test.

Discussion and research continue to identify a suitable consistent rinsing performance metric. The WG has communicated to the Commission to publish the standard excluding such a test to enable the WG to work within the stipulated time frame.

The time frame stipulated is to publish a standard by end of 2023. A draft of the standard is expected to be circulated for public comment early 2023.

27. Audit Review

Mr Taylor-Hamlin advised that the annual audit had recommenced following the Covid pandemic as the audit had been suspended. He advised that the services of Paul Skinner as an independent auditor to facilitate the audit had been secured and invite Mr Skinner to provide an overview on the process.

Mr Skinner reported that from a slow start and many chasing emails the audit, taking in video witness, actual testing and paper checking the audit was complete on time. His observations on how to improve include:

- Clear and concise instructions on the audit
- Ensure all information is available for the audit to be undertaken
- To have flexible pragmatism on tolerances, taking an average over several tests – to be further discussed

2023 audit will be notified mid 1st quarter.

28. Proposal to amend Technical Criteria

a. Tolerances

Mr Taylor-Hamlin reported that the Secretariat had received comments on the understanding of tolerances for metrics for flow rates. He reported that the scheme states that the declared flow rate value must include any tolerances and the label therefore depicts the maximum water flow for that listed product.

It was proposed that the label must state maximum water flow, but a small tolerance during the audit should be allowed – it was agreed to ask Mr Skinner to develop a paper based on his experiences from the findings of the 2022 audit.

29. ISO 31600

It was reported that the ISO 31600, which recognises the UWL as the primary scheme for Europe is included in the International Standard. It is anticipated that the Standard will be published early 2022.

30. Open Forum

Mr Taylor-Hamlin stressed the importance of ensuring the UWL keeps vibrant and reflects new technology in the marketplace. He invited members to advise the Secretariat of any new areas the scheme should be discussing that could be embraced by the addition of new criteria.

31. Date of next meeting

No date was set for the next meeting as it will be determined by activity in the UK and CEN.

ATTENDEES AT BEGINNING OF MEETING VIA TEAMS

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Taylor-Hamlin, Chris
Martin Hartman
Keeran Roberts
Noeller, Alfred
Carlos Velazquez
Paul Skinner
Georg Taubert
Andy McLean
Roland Schlienger
Jordi BERTRAN
Michael Klueh



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Jamie Lynch
Tom Reynolds
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Ian Calvert