New Approach review
&
R&TTED review

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New Approach

"New Approach", initiated 20 years ago,

- ***successful in enabling manufacturers to sell their products throughout the EU.***
- ***However, experience shows that its efficiency and implementation can still be improved.***

The objective of the review is to:

- simplify the legal framework of technical harmonisation for the future &

- bring more coherence into existing product legislation.

New Approach

Commission Vice-President Günter Verheugen responsible for enterprise and industry policy said:

"We are proposing to make life for businesses easier by offering a more transparent legal framework, at lesser costs and lesser administrative burden allowing the swift, but safe, introduction of new products."

Consultation on New Approach

The EU public consultation on improving the "New Approach", covered:

- ***Conformity assessment,***
- ***Accreditation,***
- ***CE marking***
- ***Market surveillance.***

Consultation on New Approach

This presentation gives a selection of most important items covered

Standardisation

Do you consider that EU Standardisation has proved an effective support of EU legislation?

Yes	242
No	28
I don't know	10

Standardisation

which problems are most important?

(1 = most important problem, 5 = least important problem)

Standardisation process is too slow	
1	**123**
2	60
3	47
4	27
5	23

Standardisation process too complex	
2	**102**
3	56
4	55
1	48
5	19

standards are too vague	
5	**146**
4	46
3	41
1	25
2	22

Conformity Assessment Procedures

Statement:

“”Leaving a wide choice of conformity assessment procedures is important in order to allow enterprises to operate conformity assessment in an efficient way.””

I agree	223
I disagree	28
I don’t know	2

Conformity Assessment Procedures

If you agree on the previous statement, do you consider that the current directives leave a sufficiently wide choice?

Yes	**181**
No	**37**
Don't know	**14**

CAB's

CAB's perform their tasks to a <u>satisfactorily</u> <u>even</u> level of quality.

I disagree	154
I agree	112
I don't know	14

CAB's

Do you consider it justified to require a certain volume of continued activity on the part of CAB's in order to ensure the maintenance of competence over time?

I agree	249
I disagree	20
I don't know	7

CAB's

Should the notification of CAB's which do not show any conformity assessment activities for which they were notified be withdrawn?

YES	225
NO	39
I don't know	16

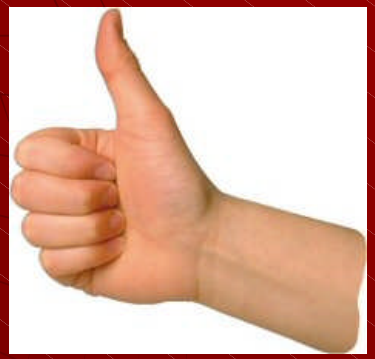
CAB's

Should Member States be obliged to verify the competence of CAB's at regular intervals?

YES	275
NO	3
I don't know	2

Are CAB's sufficiently monitored?

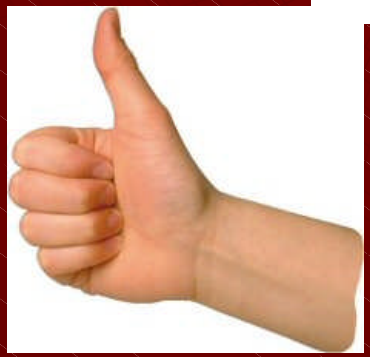
YES	170
NO	48
I don't know	62



CAB's

Should notification of a CAB be subject to a limitation in time?

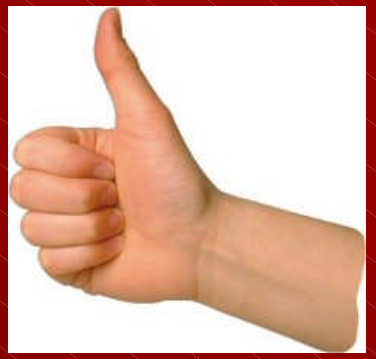
YES	203
NO	69
I don't know	8



CAB's

Would the introduction of a system ensuring the withdrawal or suspension of a notification from a CAB which has repeatedly issued incorrect certificates or incorrectly applied relevant provisions add to the credibility of the notification system?

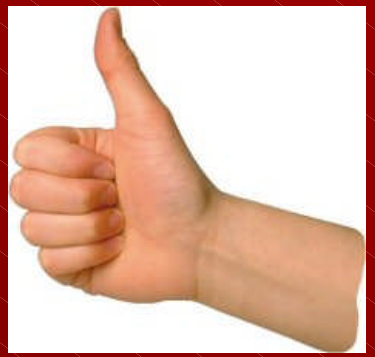
YES	271
NO	2
I don't know	7



CAB's

Is the generalised use of accreditation of CAB's a means to increase the credibility of conformity assessment carried out by them?

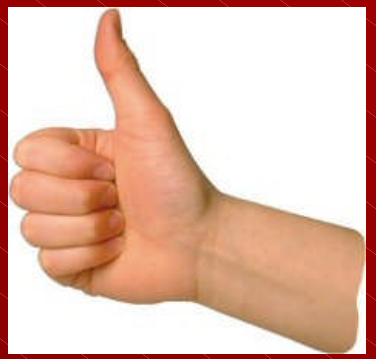
YES	216
NO	46
I don't know	18



CE Marking

The CE marking is perceived as an image of a European regulatory culture aiming at a high level of protection.

I agree	154
I disagree	123
I don’t know	3



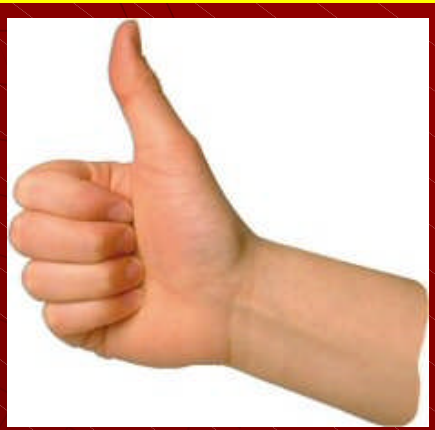
CE Marking

Does the CE marking have a positive image in international trade?

Yes	181
No	60
I don’t know	39

Should the CE marking be maintained?

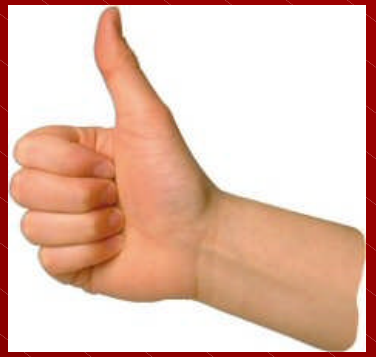
Yes	244
No	24
I don't know	12



CE Marking

If the CE marking is to be maintained: Do you think that better communicating the meaning of the CE marking would lead to a better understanding?

Yes	**249**
No	**16**
I don't know	**15**



Market surveillance

A coherent enforcement of product safety rules throughout Member States would ensure a level playing field for companies and a safe market place for consumers.

I agree	268
I disagree	8
I don’t know	4

Market Surveillance

Do you consider that market surveillance is <u>insufficiently</u> rigorous?

YES	204
NO	56
I don't know	20

Need improvement

Market Surveillance

Should MS invest more in market surveillance?

YES	250
No	15
I don’t know	15

Is it justified to treat consumer products differently than products for professional use?

YES	151
No	103
I don’t know	26

Market Surveillance

Which of the following measures do you think are effective in order to reinforce market surveillance?

Complete harmonisation of market surveillance rules at EU-level	210
Effective information exchange	206
Cooperation between national market surveillance authorities	205
Interconnection of national market surveillance databases	200
Cooperation between national market surveillance and customs authorities	176
Reinforced controls at external borders	167
Cross- border cooperation (market surveillance authorities, customs)	159

New Approach further process

It is expected that a proposal will be issued from the Commission to the Council early 2007.

Note: This will have effect on the operation of CAB's!

Review
R&TTE Directive

R&TTE Directive Conclusions sofar (1)

- Policy should be continued
- Technical review of Directive proposed:
  - Give more possibilities to TCAM to agree implementing fineprint;
  - Reconsider the use of Article 3.3 Decisions for “safety of life” purposes
  - Clean problems with borderline of its scope
  - Simplify safeguard procedures against non-compliant products;

R&TTE Directive Conclusions sofar (2)

- Technical review of Directive proposed (continued):
  - Rationalise requirements for user information and marking;
  - Review the provisions on publication of network interfaces;
  - Reconsider need to cover terminal equipment;
  - Consider whether to merge R&TTE and EMC Directives;
  - Ensure coherence with the Electronic Communications framework.

R&TTE Directive Conclusions sofar (3)

- Improve certain implementation aspects:
  - Too little communication between R&TTE CAB and Spectrum Regulators
  - Despite initiatives, little progress on this matter
  - Check compatibility of local EMF installation rules with the Directive.

R&TTE Directive Conclusions sofar (4)

- For spectrum managers and spectrum harmonisation:
  - More equipment & spectrum in class 1,
  - Streamline Decision making process for emerging technologies and applications and make the EU attractive
  - Lower access barriers to spectrum. New technologies enable less rigid segmentation of spectrum and less licensing.
- Improve certain implementation aspects e.g Rethink strategies to lower access barriers in 3rd countries.

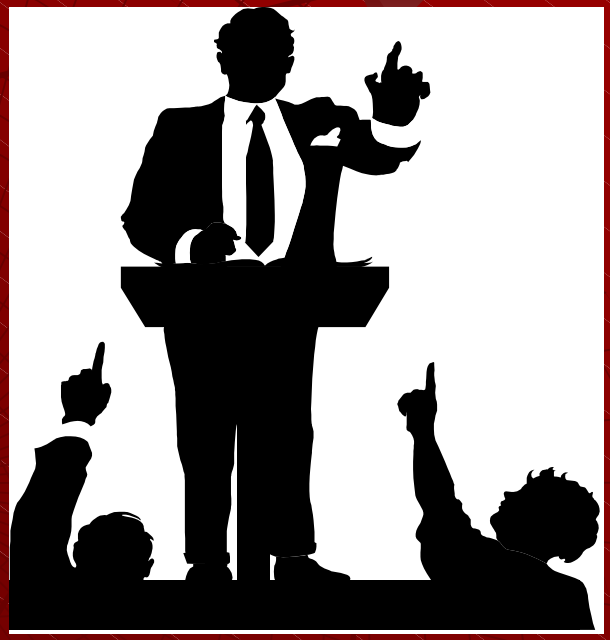
R&TTE Directive Review

A Progress Report is expected in the 2nd half 2007.

A Revision of the R&TTED in 2008 may be possible, but it is not decided yet.

End of Presentation

Thank you for your attention



Any QUESTIONS ??