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SBS encourages CEN Members to vote favourably on construction regulation

Brussels, 21st May 2015 – SBS (the European association representing SMEs in the standard making process at European and international levels) supports the approval of the new Template for Annex ZA under Construction Products Regulation. Indeed, according to a mandate issued to CEN-CENELEC by the European Commission, this informative Annex lists the regulated requirements and hence, given the impact on manufacturers' daily activities, has to include clear information on simplified procedures for SMEs.

During the last months, SBS has been following the CCMC activities regarding the finalisation of the template for Annex ZA for harmonized standards developed in support of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR). CEN's last technical board (BT) working group "CEN-EC Task Force on Construction" led to an agreement on the draft template "Implementation of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) in harmonised standards - Template for Annex ZA", which was submitted to CEN/BT for acceptance.

Other than editorial rearrangements and replacements of specific terms, the main changes agreed upon include SBS' proposal on the introduction of a sentence on simplified procedures for micro-enterprises. Indeed, in accordance with provisions of article 37 of the CPR, there is now a clear reference made concerning micro-enterprises manufacturing construction products covered by a harmonised standard (hEN) and their prospect to treat construction products according to provisions for system 4 of the assessment and verification of constancy of performance (AVCP) when system 3 applies.

SBS strongly supports the approval of the final text, to be approved by CEN/BT by end of May, as it constitutes a key achievement in making micro-enterprises daily working life easier as well as opens the discussion to other relevant issues for SMEs in the field of standardisation of construction products.

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