



Poison Centres

Harmonized Information to Poison Centres Consultation on Workability Issues finally started

After months of delays, **finally in July 2018** the **European Commission contracted** Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions UK Ltd with undertaking **the long awaited “Workability Study”** which had been announced as a reaction to the issues raised in 2016 by the alliance of seven construction product sectors¹ affected by the amendment of Annex VIII of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 (CLP). Since then also other sectors brought up workability issues that have been added to the study. **The purpose of the study is firstly to assess the workability issues and confirm if and to what extent the presented issues apply in practice.** After analysing the issues, the ultimate goal of the study is however **to present proposals for solutions.**

¹ CEMBUREAU, EFCA, EFCC, EMO, ERMCO, Eurogypsum and FEICA



The **first step of the Workability Study** as foreseen by the contract from the European Commission **is therefore a consultation of manufacturers. This consultation was** announced to start this August, but again it was **delayed several times and is only open since recently**, allowing the industry now only a **narrow time frame to respond until 23 November 2018.**

With the support from the affected sectors, last but not least from EMO, Wood developed different questionnaires for the different sectors and their specific issues. After approval by the Commission, the final versions were with the relevant European sector organisations for dissemination amongst members and manufacturers.

EMO received the [questionnaire for the construction sectors other than the cement sector](#) and noted that the **issues presented** as introduction to the qualitative questions within the questionnaire **do not fully grasp the problems that have been repeatedly flagged up and explained.** The **EMO Sounding Board HSE experts**, chaired H el ene Gascone **therefore agreed to formulate a common input to the questionnaire outlining the general issues and practical difficulties for mortar manufacturers to comply with Annex**

VIII of the CLP. EMO has submitted this common input as a general response to the consultation to allow mortar manufacturers refer to it, without repeating it. When responding to the consultation, experts are however encouraged to amend any additional issue not covered by the common input.

Together with EMO's Portfolio Manager H el ene Gascon, the secretariat has prepared a [collection of relevant documents and supporting information](#) containing also a [commented version of the questionnaire](#) with additional guidance on how to respond to the questions, **as additional support to the experts completing the questionnaire.**

As the period to respond to the consultation is very short now, the secretariat urges its members and the readers of this Newsflash to disseminate the information among European mortar manufacturers asap.

As the matter is complex, in addition to the supporting information mentioned afore, **the EMO secretariat offers 4 webinars to answer specific questions arising from the questionnaire.** These webinars will be on 16. and 20 November, one each in the morning and afternoon. To organise the Q&A-webinar **interested experts must [register online](#) at the latest two days before the webinar.** The webinars will be held in English by default, but depending on registrations, **single Q&A-webinars may be organised in German or Spanish.**



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