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### **HIGHLIGHT** Gas Appliances Directive: EC proposal for a recast Regulation released

The European Commission has released the long awaited proposal for a Regulation “to replace the existing gas appliances directive that governs the safety of gas-fired appliances and related safety, regulating and controlling devices by directly applicable regulation”. Following its publication a meeting of the Orgalime Gas Appliances Directive (GAD) taskforce will be scheduled in the coming months. More: [Press release](#), [proposal](#), [impact assessment](#), [executive summary of the impact assessment](#)

- 16/05/2014** Low Voltage Directive: New harmonised standards available [More](#)
- 15/05/2014** Internal Market: Eurocommerce publishes a “Single Market Barriers” report on Member States laws that hinder the functioning of internal market for retailers. Possible ways for the EC to resolve these issues are suggested. [More](#)
- 14/05/2014** Electrical Standardisation: Comments requested for CENELEC BT 147, 27 May  
In view of the upcoming CENELEC BT meeting, please comment on the highlighted areas in the documents below and submit them to the Orgalime representative in the CENELEC BT meetings, Mr Haimo Huhle ([huhle@ZVEI.org](mailto:huhle@ZVEI.org)) and Mr Philippe Portalier ([philippe.portalier@orgalime.org](mailto:philippe.portalier@orgalime.org)). More: [Draft agenda BT 147](#), [proposed decision list](#), [CENELEC- DG ENTR meeting on LVD topics](#)
- 14/05/2014** EU-US trade: Regulatory cooperation in the spotlight under the TTIP  
The next rounds of TTIP negotiations (mid-May and mid-July) are expected to address in detail non-tariff barriers to trade between the EU and the US. In this context, the European Commission has published its position for five sectors, including motor vehicles. Orgalime published a detailed position paper with an annex on the potential for tackling unnecessary regulatory divergence. The US Chamber of Commerce and BusinessEurope also released supportive views on the TTIP. On the contrary, consumer organisations presented diverging views referring to regulatory harmonisation. More: [EU’s positions on 5 sectors](#), [Orgalime PP](#), [BusinessEurope PP](#), [Consumer concerns on TTIP](#), [BEUC factsheet](#)
- 14/05/2014** Market Surveillance: Report of EPEE workshop on market surveillance, 7 May  
The European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE) held a workshop on 7 May on “Market surveillance in Europe - the myths, the reality, the solutions”, in the framework of the Ecodesign and Energy Labelling Directives. More: [Programme](#), [Orgalime report](#), presentations of [ECOFYS](#), [ECOS](#), [EC](#)
- 13/05/2014** Pressure Equipment: The Council adopted the revised Directive  
The text is not binding until it is published in the OJEU. [More](#)
- 13/05/2014** Construction Products: Rescheduling date of Orgalime CPR TF  
Please complete the [Doodle poll](#) if you are interested in attending the next meeting of the Orgalime Construction Products Regulation task force (CPR TF) by 23 May.
- 12/05/2014** Energy efficiency: Orgalime organises a conference at the EUSEW, 25 June  
Orgalime is organising a high-level policy event at EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) to promote low carbon/energy efficiency technologies. [More](#)  
Another conference will present the findings of Atlete II, CompliantV and Market Watch projects with a focus on market surveillance. [More](#)

- 12/05/2014** **Low Voltage: LVD ADCO report on non-functional hot surfaces available**  
This report of the EC Low Voltage Directive Administrative Co-operation Working Group (LVD ADCO) addresses small household appliances only (mini-ovens, raclettes, toasters, contact grills, sandwich toasters, and waffle irons). [More](#)
- 12/05/2014** **Gas appliances Directive: EC WG meeting scheduled on 16 June**  
A meeting of the working group on gas appliances of the European Commission has been scheduled on 16 June. More: [draft agenda](#)
- 08/05/2014** **Standardisation policy: Analysing options on education about standardisation**  
CEN-CENELEC calls for volunteers to analyse the responses to a recent inquiry among 30 of their Members on education about standardisation. The purpose is to evaluate the overall situation, needs, and good practices areas or possibilities for support. Interested? Notify the Orgalime Secretariat by **16 May**.
- 08/05/2014** **Construction products: CE marking for construction products**  
The implementation of the Construction Products Regulation (CPR) brought about new rules regarding the use of the CE marking. The European Commission is raising awareness about these. More: [EC CE marking construction products video](#)
- 08/05/2014** **Standards: Educating trade associations on standards to support SMEs**  
CEN and CENELEC are preparing a project to educate trade associations through workshops etc... on how to support SMEs on standardisation issues. The feasibility and content of this project will be discussed on 16 June. If you are interested to participate, you are kindly requested to inform the Orgalime Secretariat by **22 May**.
- 07/05/2014** **Customs: EC decision on work programme for Union Customs Code (UCC)**  
It has been published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). [More](#)
- 07/05/2014** **Product Safety and Market Surveillance: European Parliament's late findings**  
The European Parliament's secretariat conducted an interesting survey comparing:
- The marking of origin as suggested in the Consumer Product Safety Regulation with the equivalent obligation in the US
  - The provisions on sanctions on the Market Surveillance of Products Regulation with other sanctions harmonised at EU level, including a rarely used "blacklisting" possibility provided to Member States under food and feed legislation.
- More: [Briefing paper](#)
- 05/05/2014** **Pressure Equipment: Orgalime PED TF meeting set on 27 May in Brussels**  
The draft agenda is available on Orgalime Extranet. [More](#)
- 05/05/2014** **Low Voltage Dir.: housing for multipole connectors are 'electrical equipment'**  
The Court of Justice of the EU has ruled that housing for multipole connectors for industrial use are covered by the definition of 'electrical equipment' under the Low Voltage Directive (LVD) for the application of the CE conformity marking. [More](#)
- 05/05/2014** **PSMSP: EC DG ENTR/DG SANCO joint meeting, 20 May – Call for comments**  
The European Commission has scheduled a joint meeting between the Consumer Safety Network (CSN) and the expert group on the Internal Markets for Products-Market Surveillance Group (IMP-MSG) on 20 May. It will be dedicated to state of affairs on the Multi-annual plan for Market Surveillance. Please let us know ASAP if you have any attention points or items to raise. We could have them voiced via the BusinessEurope's representative, Mr Coebergh van den Braak (Philips). More: [CSN & IMP-MSG 20 May agenda](#), [CSN summary report 11 March](#)
- 02/05/2014** **Electromagnetic compatibility: EC EMC WG meeting postponed to the 10 July, to be confirmed shortly. The following meeting is scheduled for 13/14 November.**
- 01/05/2014** **Machinery: Corrigendum to the 11 April's list of harmonised standards**  
It was published in the OJEU. More: [Corrigendum](#), [harmonised standards](#)