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Meeting Report

Meeting with ORGALIME – 12.09.14

- COMM debriefed ORGALIME on the status of negotiations, particular regarding TBT and the EU proposal on establish regulatory cooperation for future legislative proposals on the engineering sectors or acceptance of international standards by the US remains a key issue.
- ORGALIME highlighted the importance of engaging in this sector with the US and the need to identify some sectors in which progress could be made during the negotiations – the issue of recognition of test reports was singled out both between NRTLs but also from other labs.
- ORGALIME informed that they would be present in OSHA's meeting of 22nd October on the NRTL program review and also the that they are working together in a common paper with NEMA and NAM.
- They acknowledged the need of further work in identifying key sub-sectors but also in understanding the economic relevance of issues.
- US reluctance to incorporate ISO/IEC standards remains a problem. They noted that one possible solution – which had already been explored – was to develop common standards. However, copyright issues were an obstacle to those developments. They also warned against ad-hoc US/EU solutions that would leave the rest of the world out.
- On CA they recalled the US claim that 3rd party CA guarantees higher levels of compliance – although it is unclear how the data has been put together.
- COMM highlighted the importance of having a common paper and maintaining a high level of visibility of the sector.