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Meeting Report

Meeting Orgalime – 06 10 2015

Participants:

ORGALIME: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Commission : I. García Bercero, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED].

- Commission debriefed ORGALIME on the status of negotiations, particularly TBT and Engineering chapters and requested further input from ORGALIME on their offensive interests: revision of the NRTL program and possible areas for cooperation => ideally agreeing on common standards to be upgraded to international standards afterwards.
- Commission noted the need to achieve a balanced outcome in this area and highlighted importance of the single standard in the internal market.
- ORGALIME recalled interest on mutual recognition of test certificates for components among NRTLs, but although they acknowledge the importance of the issue, they cautioned against paying a high price for it. They also warned against accepting conflicting standards in the internal market => Internal market is key in the success of the EU engineering industry.
- Higher uptake of international standards in the US would be the ideal solution for ORGALIME.
- ORGALIME suggested that maybe it is worth sounding other US Agencies apart from OSHA, in particular EPA and FCC. However, with no specific suggestions on possible areas for cooperation.
- ORGALIME's perception is that US has no appetite for regulatory cooperation in the engineering sector => neither industry nor Agencies. They noted that certification industry & standardisers have more weight in fixing US positions than the manufacturing industry.
- According to ORGALIME cooperation on standardisation does not make sense if not done together with Regulatory cooperation.
- Eventually, they agreed to continue looking for areas to be further investigated: notably with NEMA and some sectors: agriculture and construction equipment.