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Proposals of amendments to ATP:**new proposals**

Organization of an informal working group on the development of an updated approval and certification system for equipment. Addition to document 2017/4.**Transmitted by the Government of the Netherlands**

1. Several complaints can be noted by the parties involved in the approval of ATP equipment. Survey of manufacture is done by multiple contracting parties where equipment is taken into service, resulting in repetition of audits, unnecessary cost and disruption of work; the compliance with the insulation values is questioned by users and questions how do manufactures prove that the production is still in line with the approved type and why are manufactures bound for a test report and approval by the country in which they are established, which is hard to explain in the “open market” of the European Union.
2. It can be concluded that the current system of approval in ATP is beyond its date of expiry. The system is based on the world as existed in the nineteen fifties. Since we have moved from a society where governments took responsibility to a society where the actors on the market are liable.
3. It is suggested that an informal working group is established to develop an up-to-date system taking into account the sensibilities of the parties involved. The Netherlands is prepared to organize such an informal working group meeting in the spring of 2018 in one or two sessions.
4. The mandate to organize such a working group could read as follows:
“Discuss and develop proposals for an approval and certification system for equipment that is as efficient as possible, reduce the effort to receive and maintain approval/certificates and secure compliance of equipment by justified supervision and market surveillance.

The following issues can be identified:

- *A type approval shall be issued based on a test report.*
- *The manufacturer shall take its responsibility to control its production and maintain production records of each equipment.*
- *The authority that issues a type approval shall be responsible for supervision of the manufacturer.*

- *The competent authority in which the equipment is used or the operator is established, shall issue an ATP certificate of compliance based on a check of data supplied by the manufacturer.*
- *An entry into service check, periodic inspections and test shall in principle be performed in the country in which the equipment is used or operator is established.*

The working group shall report its findings and proposals to the WP.11.”
