

Minutes of the NRMM WG Meeting on 2006.01.17 in Geneva.

The Chairman of the Group, Giovanni De Santi, welcomed the participants to the WG NRMM meeting in the frame of the GRPE session. (For a list of participants see Enclosure 1)

The discussion was opened on the minutes of the previous meeting and on the draft agenda previously circulated.

No remarks were noted, so both documents are approved.

The Chairman introduced the discussion summarizing the work done since the beginning of the activity and the high consensus level achieved by the group at each step. Concentrating on the main developments since last meeting in Geneva in June 2005, the discussion in Ann Arbor in September 2005 allowed to review all the proposals on possible gtr structure and an agreement was achieved by all participants.

Based on this agreement, it was possible for JRC, supported by a few voluntaries indicated in the Ann Arbor meeting, to start drafting the gtr and present a first section during the meeting.

The remaining open issues were also discussed in Ann Arbor and most of them found an agreed solution, the few remaining unresolved would be discussed as part of the gtr drafting to achieve solutions for them too.

Update on NRMM legislation

The delegates from Japan, USA and the EU gave brief updates on the status of legislation in the respective countries.

Both US and EU concentrated on the Technical Review activities presently being carried out or about to start.

Japan presented an overview of the legislation in force and the future developments. (See Enclosure 2)

Summary of progress and work done since June 50th GRPE Meeting, including summary from Ann Arbor NRMM informal WG meeting , Sep 2005

The WG secretary introduced the different topics for further discussion, each one was presented in detail by Giorgio Cornetti, advisor to the European Commission, DG JRC. (See Enclosure 3 State of the work)

Presentation of draft segment for NRMM GTR

The first segment of the gtr was selected to show in a unitary form both the basic structure of the gtr and the possible clarifications that would be included as guidelines for its application. Of course the final legal text would not report these remarks, but they would only be present in the guidelines (non legally binding) format.

The segment was accepted by the members of the group without comments, the work will continue along these lines to produce a first complete draft during the next meeting in Ispra.

The enclosed draft segment only includes the legally binding text. (Enclosure 4 Draft segment 7.1 draft gtr)

Progress in emission calculations

Following the decisions in Ann Arbor, Giorgio Cornetti presented the calculations developed to justify the parallel approach between mass based and molar mass based calculations from EPA Part 1065 and ISO. (See Enclosure 5 Calculations 17_01_06)

Also this presentation was accepted by the group.

Definition of work for 2006 and upcoming meetings

Following the presentations it was confirmed that at the next meeting in Ispra (26-27 April 2006) JRC will present a draft of the gtr.

Concerning the open issues it had been promised that EPA would circulate the standards referred to in Part 1065, however this is not possible as they are covered by copyright. All the standards can be found at these web sites: www.nist.gov and www.astm.com.

It was suggested that an editing committee be set up with the purpose of reviewing the drafting work, double check the text and prepare it for presentation to GRPE.

The members of the group are warmly invited to join in, during the meeting Mr. Shimpi of EMA and Mr. Shikata of LEMA indicated their availability for the work.

Further the representatives of India indicated they would investigate the possibility to participate.

Other members may signal their willingness to participate in the work writing to the Secretariat and the Chair by mid March 2006.

Further meetings scheduled are:

- Geneva NRMM half day meeting during 52nd GRPE in June 2006
- Ann Arbor meeting September

Having completed the agenda, Mr. De Santi thanked all the WG members for their participation and closed the meeting.

Enclosures

1. List of participants
2. Japanese State of legislation
3. State of the work
4. Draft segment 7.1 draft gtr
5. Calculations 17_01_06