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**STANDARDISATION MANDATE GIVEN TO THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR
STANDARDISATION (CEN) UNDER EC DIRECTIVE 98/37/EC RELATING TO
MACHINERY WITH A VIEW TO REVISION OF STANDARD EN 13000:2004
"Cranes – Mobile cranes"**

1. BACKGROUND

In mandate M079, covered by order form 91-01, the Commission instructed the CEN to draw up standards in the field of "mobility – load lifting". One of these standards is EN 13000:2004 "Cranes – Mobile cranes".

This standard was adopted by CEN the 22 of April 2004. After a formal objection lodged by Germany the issue was discussed at the Machinery Working Group meeting on 8th of February 2005. It emerged during the discussion that due to clause 4.2.6.3.2 in combination with clauses 4.2.6.3.1 and 4.2.6.3.3 the standard failed to correctly address the essential health and safety requirement 4.2.1.4 in conjunction with requirements 1.1.2c), 1.2.5, 1.3.1, 4.1.2.1 and 4.1.2.3 of Annex I to the directive.

As a result, a majority of Member States supported the Germany position and demand for publication of the references of the standard in the *Official Journal of the European Union* with a warning. It was also the wish of the WG that a mandate to CEN should be drawn up in order to ensure that there would be a complete standard within the shortest delay. This procedure was further supported by the 98/34/EC Committee (Technical Standards and Regulations) in its meeting on 24th November 2005.

2. WORK COVERED BY THE MANDATE

CEN must revise the standard EN 13000:2004, taking particular account of the essential health and safety requirement 4.2.1.4 in conjunction with requirements 1.1.2c), 1.2.5, 1.3.1, 4.1.2.1, and 4.1.2.3 of Annex I to directive 98/37/EC.

In order to guarantee a high level of safety for persons working on mobile cranes as well as for persons present in the working area, the standard must better address the risks linked to the foreseeable misuse of the bridging devices, which are installed on rated

capacity limiters for specific necessary functions. The standard must define a technical solution.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANDATE

- 3.1. The CEN will ensure that the Technical Committee responsible for this work treats it with the utmost urgency.
- 3.2. The CEN will present a draft revision of the standard to the Commission by 30 June 2006.
- 3.3. The CEN must adopt the amended European standard (EN) by 30 June 2007. The three language versions (DE, EN and FR) must be available by this date, as must the correct titles in the other official Community languages.
- 3.4. The European standard adopted will have to be transposed into national standards and divergent national standards will have to be withdrawn from the catalogues of the Member States' national standardisation bodies within six months of the adoption of the European standards.
- 3.5. The standstill period referred to in Article 7 of Directive 98/34/EC¹ of 22 June 1998 will commence on acceptance of this standardisation mandate by the CEN.

¹ OJ L 204 of 21.07.98, p. 37, as amended by Directive 98/48/EC (OJ L 217 of 5/8/98, p. 18).