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AMENDMENT TO:

HORIZONTAL COMPLEMENT M/88 TO THE MANDATES TO CEN/CENELEC CONCERNING THE EXECUTION OF STANDARDISATION WORK FOR THE EVALUATION OF CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS IN RESPECT OF THEIR REACTION TO FIRE

Explanatory note

A German request dealing with the exclusion of the reference to polystyrene products in the mandate on thermal insulation products, as far as the continuous glowing combustion additional characteristic, was examined by the former Fire Regulators Group in March 2004, and the Commission submitted the proposal of an addendum to the mandate M 103 (CONSTRUCT 04/659) to the Standing Committee on Construction meeting on 26th October 2004.

Following the above-mentioned amendment, agreed by the SCC, France requested to check the need of modifying also the horizontal complement mandate M88 to CEN/CENELEC covering the evaluation of construction products in respect of their reaction to fire.

Based on the advice of its expert group on fire issues, given on 23rd May 2005, the Commission concluded to give a positive follow-up to the French request and drafted an amendment of the horizontal complement mandate M88 to add the continuous glowing combustion as characteristic for all construction products falling under the scope of the above-mentioned mandate, for which it is relevant.

This amendment modifies the original mandate in the following manner:

The last sentence of the clause 2 of Chapter II “GROUNDS” of the Horizontal Complement to the Mandates to CEN/CENELEC concerning the execution of standardisation work for the **evaluation of construction products in respect of their reaction to fire** (M 88) shall be modified as indicated in Annex.

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ANNEX

Introduction:

The last sentence of the clause 2 of Chapter II “**FOUNDATIONS**” of the original Horizontal Complement to the Mandates to CEN/CENELEC concerning the execution of standardisation work for the **evaluation of construction products in respect of their reaction to fire** (M 88) shall be amended as follows

AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 2 OF CHAPTER II OF MANDATE M 88

*The following wording is added at the end of the last sentence of the clause 2 of Chapter II “**FOUNDATIONS**” of the Horizontal Complement to the Mandates to CEN/CENELEC concerning the execution of standardisation work for the evaluation of construction products in respect of their reaction to fire (M 88)*

“..., including the consideration of a possible continuous glowing combustion of the product.”