



Lobby Issues



Status on RMI file

- The EU wants to “open up” the market of repair and maintenance information by the EU regulation 167/13. One main issue in this regulation is to define the details of the access to any repair and maintenance information through a CEN-standard.
- The manufacturers are absolutely not happy with this regulation, but so far they were not able to stop.
- The representative technical body in CEN for this file is the TC 144 Working Group 2 consisting mainly of manufacturers and chaired by Mr Alt from the German association VDMA.
- The Working Group has made a draft standard for this EU regulation without any involvement or consultation of other parties, such as the independent services and repairers companies of which Mr Arathymos is representing the Climmar part.



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- This year there have been several meetings concerning the RMI:
 - 29th of February at the CEN in Brussels > Here the draft standard made by the TC 144 Working Group 2 was not accepted.
 - 16th of May an in-between and informal meeting between representatives of the TC 144 WG / manufacturers and the Independents (Mr Arathymos on behalf of Climmar) also in Brussels > not “movement” was made.
 - 8-9th of June TC 144 Working Group meeting in Frankfurt > a very hard meeting with strong opposition and statements from both sides.
- In all of these meetings the manufacturers have shown that they are not willing to accept any changes or influence from other parties to draft a new standard. They do not want involvement from others.
- There is now a so-called “cooling down period.”



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- End of October there will be a second informal conference call between Mr Arathymos and Mr. Alt, the chair of the TC 144 WG to find some solution for the current shutdown of the talks and to make a proposal to set up a small group of representatives of both sides (maximum 3 on 3) to write a new draft standard.
- There will be an official CEN meeting in December of this year where the status of the draft standard again is measured. If there is no solution and acceptance on the new route to draft a new standard with the involvement of other parties, the CEN does not have any more options than to give the assignment back to the European Commission saying that they were not able to come to a mutual decision on a draft standard.
- When this happens, the European Commission will take over the process and the influence of both sides will be much more limited.



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Conclusion:

- The work done so far seems little in result / effect, but has been necessary for getting involved into the process and to become a recognized party in writing the new draft standard.
- The coming months will be crucial for the continuation of the process:
 - Scenario 1: there will be acceptance to work together with the manufacturers on a new draft standard, or:
 - Scenario 2: the EU will take over the process and we have to see and wait what the next steps will be.
- We will organize a special RMI meeting in January 2017 to participate on the outcome of the scenario's
- From Climmar we call on the CEMA / manufacturers to work together with us on this important file for our sector!



Ongoing lobby contacts



With the CEMA:

- Contact on a regular base
- Looking for mutual interest and cooperation on topical items like education an training, the uptake of smartfarming and Agricultural Precision Technologies (this is for example the reason for inviting Bruce Erickson as speaker at this congress...)



With the CEETAR:

(European organisation for agricultural, rural and forestry contractors)

- Recently contact is established.
- Meeting is planned for the end of this year with the director and members of the board. To learn each others organisations and exchange views on topical items of interest for both organisations



Going on contacts

With the World Bank Group:



World Bank 'Enabling the Business in Agriculture' 2016 report

This report was published in January 2016: eba.worldbank.org

The report provides a tool for policymakers to identify and analyze legal barriers for the business of agriculture. Chapter 4 looks particularly into the machinery-related aspects. In particular, it looks also into good practices for tractor dealer requirements.

Contact with the WorldBank Officials responsible for this report is established. They are very much interested in looking for cooperation with CLIMMAR and willing to come to an exchange of views on how to achieve sustainable agricultural mechanization into development regions / countries.

In February 2017 the new report will be published.



Questions ??

