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Brief Minutes
on 13th meeting of
ISO/TC104/SC4 Freight containers – Identification and communication
on 2005-05-11 in London/UK

1 Opening of the meeting

Chairman Dr. Seidelmann opened the meeting and welcomed all delegates. A roll-call was carried out.

Mr. Fritzsche (DIN/FAKRA) noted that he will act only for this meeting as secretary on behalf of Mr. Sicks, who was not able to attend for this time.

An attendance list was distributed and every delegate was requested to sign in. This list is attached to this report; 47 delegates from 16 member countries and ISO CS participated in this meeting.

2 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved without any additional items. The order of the topics was changed. Agenda item 7.1 "Report of WG2" was moved upwards directly after item 5. This was necessary, because this report will influence the actions and decisions under topic 6.

3 Appointment of the drafting committee

Dick Schnacke, Edmund Brooks and Egbert Fritzsche were appointed for the editing committee.

4 Approval of report of the 12th meeting

The report on the last meeting was approved as written in document TC104/SC4 N152.

5 Report of the secretariat

Mr. Fritzsche reported on the progress and on the actual status of the work programme of SC4. The report is available as document N160 and was adopted by SC4.

6 Report of WG 2 AEI for containers and related equipment

Chairman of SC4, Dr. Seidelmann, reported on behalf of Mr. Goh Hock Nguan, Convenor of WG2, who was not able to participate, about the progress of the WG2-projects (see NXXX9).

Main topic of the report was an update of the latest developments on the E-Seal-Project ISO 18185. After Parts 1, 2, 3 and 7 have passed the CD-Ballot successfully WG2 continued the work on these parts by incorporating the comments received during the CD-Ballot. It was originally agreed to continue with the DIS-ballot. The relevant documents were already forwarded to ISO CS the week before this ISO TC104/SC4 meeting. Just two days before this 13th

SC4 meeting WG2 noted some weak points in Parts 1 and 7; so that these parts need to be discussed again and checked against some new information received by the group. WG2, therefore, recommends to postpone the DIS-Ballot for Part 1 and 7 to end of July this year. A period of three months is needed to decide whether these two parts can be forwarded for DIS-Ballot unchanged or if they need to be reworked. SC4 was requested to confirm this decision.

WG2 furthermore asked SC4 to confirm that Part 2 and 3 should be published for DIS-ballot. The P-Members of SC4 were asked to accept an accelerated balloting within two months.

WG2 furthermore recommended SC4 to withdraw the WI on Part 5, since WG2 noticed, that there will be no need to standardise a specific sensor interface.

After a short discussion SC4 decided to follow these decisions. Resolutions No. 3 to No. 6 were taken by majority. Singapore voted against the postponement of Part 1 and 7 and Japan abstained from the withdrawal of Part 5.

The responsible Project Leader for Parts 4 and 6 reported on the progress made on these documents. The content of these two parts will be influenced from the other parts of ISO 18185, so that it was not possible to make a considerable progress. Since Parts 1, 2, 3 and 7 now reached the DIS-Stage, the work on parts 4 and 6 can be forced. But taking into account, that according to the ISO-timeframe, also Part 5 and 6 should be ready for CD-ballot, SC4 was asked to allow a short delay of 6 months for the CD-Stage of Part 4 and Part 6. WG2 foresees to be able to present documents ready for CD-Ballot by the end of this year. SC4 accepted this extension by Resolution No. 7.

Mr. Lars Kjaer, member of US-delegation, used the discussion about the report about the work programme of WG2 to address a specific problem to SC4. He drew the attention of SC4 on his concern on some activities within ISO TC8. Mr. Kjaer, also representing the World Shipping Council, pointed out that within TC8 two projects on supply chain security were registered as New Work Items. It is planned by ISO TC8 to publish the following two projects:

- ◆ ISO PAS 28000: Ships and marine technology -- Security management systems for the supply chain and
- ◆ ISO PAS 28001: Ships and marine technology -- Best practices for custody in supply chain security

as ISO PAS within a short time. There is a strong concern from many liner shipping companies, that these projects were developed in a more or less closed group and not taking into account the intentions and perceptions of many other interested parties. As Mr. Kjaer reported, World Shipping Council, as an A-Liaison-Member of TC8 was not able to influence the work on this project and did not receive a Working Draft for one of these two projects. Mr. Kjaer is therefore of the opinion that this project was not developed in conjunction with the ISO-rules. SC4 was requested to discuss possibilities to avoid such situations and how SC4 could get influence on the projects.

After a controversial discussion SC4 decided on two measurements. At first SC4 decided that ISO CS and TMB should be asked to establish a formal liaison between ISO TC8/WG2 and TC8/SC11 and ISO TC104/SC4 to enhance communication between these two groups and ensure no duplication of activity. A special expert of SC4 should be nominated as Liaison Officer. Secondly, SC4 will recommend TC104 to request the establishment of a JWG between TC8 and TC104 on all issues relating to supply chain security, specifically TC8's current work on ISO 28000 series and any similar standards being developed.

Resolutions No. 7 and No. 8 were taken unanimously on this issue.

7 Report of other Working groups

7.1 JWG of TC122 & TC104

Convenor Mr. Craig Harmon reported (see Nxxx) on the status of the projects on ISO 17363 as well as on the progress on the revision on ISO 10374. SC4 accepted the report.

7.2 WG 1 Coding, identification and marking

Convenor Mr. Edmund Brookes reported on the progress on the Revision of ISO 6346. The intention was to incorporate changes caused by the introduction of 45' containers. Till now slow progress was made, but the work will be continued. A draft will be available till the end of 2005.

7.3 WG 3 Communication and terminology

Convenor Mr. Joern Heerulff reported on the progress on the revision of ISO 9897. It was stated already during the request of the WI, that this project needs to be reworked completely and divided into several parts. Unfortunately, only 6 experts were registered at the beginning for this task. But Mr. Herrulf was able to receive also input from major organisations and associations from the container transport and shipping industry and to activate some more experts. After these problems were solved, the group could make significant progress. Nevertheless, the available drafts are not yet in a stage to be distributed as CD, which should be the case if this project would follow the ISO recommended timeframe. Therefore, WG3 requested SC4 to accept a six month delay for the beginning of the CD-ballot for the ISO 9897-project.

This was confirmed from SC4 unanimously by Resolution No. 12.

8 Items for future work

Chairman Dr. Seidelmann stated that at this time no urgent items should be brought forward as items for future work. But it might be necessary in a medium time frame to discuss the effectiveness of the current structure of SC4. Within SC4 the scope of the existing working groups is currently strictly separated between hardware and software related issues. This might not be the most efficient structure from the current viewpoint and should be discussed in future.

Furthermore, it was noted that the ISO-definition for containers is not always used in publications and might therefore be reworked. Especially several international regulations and publications, such as the CSC or several European Directives, using this term to describe different technical items. ISO might discuss if there is a need for an improved definition.

9 Any other business

The periodical review of ISO 9711-1 and -2 (1990) was made by postal ballot. The result of this ballot was a confirmation of both parts, but with low priority. Due to the low level of participation on the postal ballot, this item was discussed again during the SC4-meeting.

Finally, the participating delegates decided to withdraw Part 2, because the technology, which is described within this standard is not in use anymore.

Part 1 was confirmed again with low priority. Resolution 13 was taken on this unanimously and Resolution 14 was taken with the abstention of Kenya.

10 Next meeting

A decision on a date and a place for the next meeting was not taken.

11 Approval of resolutions

All Resolutions were read, discussed and confirmed as reported in document N1xx.

12 Closure of meeting

Dr, Seidelmann thanked the attending experts for their active participation. He thanked especially BSI for the organisation and hosting of the meeting. The meeting was closed.