

RESOLUTION CA 2/1998

Subject: Internal policy regarding availability of documents

The CEN/CA,

- recalling its resolution CA 34/1997 on global electronic marketing of standards and the request made to SD to urgently prepare a policy in that field,
- noting the reaffirmation of CEN/SD that the policy for the distribution and sales of CEN publications laid down in the CEN/CENELEC Memorandum annexed to the Exploitation Agreement signed on 1996-12-11 is also applicable for publications in electronic format,
- recalling its resolution CA 15/1996 according to which the placing of full texts of ENs on any international public electronic information network (such as the Internet) would be an infringement of the above mentioned CEN/CENELEC Memorandum,
- noting the decision of SD to develop more detailed specifications regarding the electronic marketing of standards,
- recognizing however, that the introduction in the CEN /TC work of electronic tools is a trend which has to be supported as an element of improving the work and delivering documents,
- noting the objectives of the INES project in that respect,

decides that, when developing their Internet sites, the CEN/TCs shall respect the following requirements,

- within the site the information related to TC documents and texts of draft ENs or ENVs (including the text submitted to formal vote) are made available only to TC delegates and WG experts, with a password for access,
- texts of approved ENs or ENVs are not allowed on the Internet. However the foreword, the scope and the table of contents of these publications are allowed as fully accessible general information,
- CEN/CS and the TC Secretaries are requested to closely monitor within their technical committee the application of this resolution and to report any infringement to their National Standards Body and CEN/Secretary General,
- in case of subcontracting of TC/SC secretariats the National Standards Bodies having subcontracted its duties shall take all the necessary measures to secure the above obligations for which it is held responsible by CEN,
- BT is actioned to define as soon as possible in greater detail which TC documents may be lodged on an information site without needing password protection, using categories defined by other bodies, e.g. JTC1.