

RESOLUTION CA 17/1997

Subject: Optimization - Sectorial activities within CEN

The CEN/CA,

- keeping in mind the decision taken by CEN AG in 1995 to establish a CEN system based on a three level concept (policy setting; programme management; standard drafting) that will deliver reduced cost, time and improved quality, notes that many CEN System stakeholders, at national and European level have expressed the wish to have available appropriate dialogue platforms within CEN, in order to progress relevant topics of a sectorial nature (i.e. broader than that of individual TCs),
- noting that the significant progress already made in the past few years in the preparation of urgently needed European standards (particularly in conjunction with EU/EFTA mandates), and that the developing practice of delegation of a number of decisions to TCs, in the frame of CEN optimization, makes it possible and desirable to replace the framework of Technical Sector Boards by more flexible and appropriate platforms of dialogue, tailored to the nature of the problem identified in respective sectors (as detailed in document CA N 944 - 6.4.8), and coherent with the three level concept,
- recognizes the legitimate need to associate all partners of CEN to the appropriate arrangement for each sector and invites them to express their requirements,
- welcomes initiatives from CEN sectors of activity towards the setting up of such flexible sector activities,
- requests the Technical Board in line with the orientations of document CA N 981 to urgently finalize and adopt in October 1997 the guidelines (CEN System Handbook) to assist effective operation of such sectorial activities, as soon as approved by the Technical Board,
- invites the Technical Board to examine without delay the requests for sectorial activities, to approve them as appropriate, to monitor their implementation and to review periodically the need for their existence,
- invites the Technical Board to review immediately, and then annually, the activities of PCs, and to disband in a timely manner those who have completed their role, as defined in the CEN/CENELEC Internal Regulations,

decides to cancel, as of 1997-12-31, the rules of BTSs, as defined in document CA N 636, and requests the Vice-President Technical, in cooperation with the Secretary General, to oversee the orderly disbanding of all BTSs by that date provided that at the same time it is ensured that each sector's needs are properly taken care of.