



To the Chairman and Secretariats of CEN/TC and ECISS/TC
To the Convenors of the CEN/TC/WG and ECISS/TC/WG who fall under the PED
To the Pressure Equipment Advisory Nucleus Group

March 6, 2007

Dear Sir or Madam

Workshop on the Pressure Equipment sector on EU-US material standards

Background

Since the entering into force of the PED, several discussions have taken place between EU and US experts with reference to the placing on the market, use and trade of pressure equipment in the two economic areas.

The EU and US experts met on 27th September 2004 to discuss various topics: mutual acceptance of materials, reducing the burden of redundant material testing requirements, welding qualifications and procedures and approval of non-destructive testing personnel.

The meeting produced an agreement to conduct a study on the differences in testing methods in the EU and US material testing requirements and on the possibility of developing mutually acceptable EU and US standards for material testing, with CEN and ASTM participation.

This work could be further pursued at ISO level. Furthermore, if this pilot project is successfully completed, it could lead to future agreements concerning the requirements on materials.

The CEN/PE/AN therefore proposes to hold a Workshop in the pressure equipment sector to give an overview of the results of both this study and the content of pressure equipment standards on material aspects, of material product standards and testing standard (EN, ASTM/ASME, ISO).

The expected results would be to decide on actions at ISO or EN level for a better convergence of these standards.

We are therefore pleased to invite you to a CEN Workshop in the Pressure Equipment sector:

**on Thursday 15th May 2007
Start 10 am, end 5 pm
CEN Management Centre
Rue de Stassart, 36
B-1050 Brussels
Belgium**



We kindly ask CEN technical committee secretariats to forward this invitation and the attached registration form to the convenors of working groups specifically involved in developing draft standards under the Pressure Equipment mandate M/071.

Registration is done on a first come, first served basis. Number of places available: 60.

We thank you in advance to block this date in your planning.

A detailed agenda will be sent mid March.

Yours faithfully,

Cinzia Missiroli

CEN PRESSURE EQUIPMENT WORKSHOP

EU – US MATERIAL STANDARDS

The Pressure Equipment Advisory Nucleus is pleased to invite you to a one-day Pressure Equipment Workshop on EU-US material standards that will take place at the CEN Management Centre in Brussels.

Address:

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Start: 10 am
End: 5 pm

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To confirm your participation*, please send back the completed form to:
cinzia.missiroli@cen.eu by **Friday 20th April 2007** at the latest.

Thank you!

*Number of places available: 60.