

**RSG Committee Meeting
Stockholm, Sweden**

11-12 October 2018

This was a meeting of the Recreational Craft Sectoral Group (RSG) Committee. The RSG consists of the Notified Bodies (NBs) for the Recreational Craft Directive (RCD), and representatives of the industry. NMMA is a member of this group. The main objective of the meeting is to deal with issues concerning the applicability of the Recreational Craft Directive.

PFE – Proposal for Inquiry

RFU – Recommendation for Use

ERFU – Endorsed RFU by the RCD Committee

DLI – Directive Legal Interpretation from the Commission

IDG – Internet Discussion Document

NB – Notified Body

HAS – Harmonized Standard Consultant

PCA – Post Construction Assessment

DoC – Declaration of Conformity

AdCo – Administrative Cooperation Groups (Surveillance Authorities)

RCD Administration Topics

- There are 29 Notified Bodies for 2013/53/EU

Conformity Assessment Procedures (CAP) Subgroup Meeting

PFE/RFU Status Report

- ERFU 156 – RIB performance test – RSG recommended RIBs with speeds greater than 30 knots shall be tested in calm water. (Not in water up to 1,2m wave height as stated in the standard which appears to be a non-attainable requirement). This allows conformance to the RCD but not presumption of conformity to the ISO standard. ISO 6185 is to be updated in 2020. Recommended that TC188 conduct a single topic amendment of ISO 6185. Action: RSG to submit request to TC188 for action (Form 4, WG concurrence).

PFE Actions

- PFE 225 – Handling characteristics – Wait until ISO11592-2, maneuverability, is harmonized and then withdrawal.

General Issues

- Electric engines covered by RCD – Are electric engines within the scope of the RCD? The Commission has determined that O/B electric engines do not fall under the scope of the RCD, neither for noise or emissions.
- Monitoring the product after certification (Point 4 Article 38) – Is a NB required to check (monitor) products that it has assessed and has given a conformity certificate? The Commission determined that NBs are required to keep updated on legislation and requirements. NBs are also required to keep informed of production procedures of a manufacturer, but are not required to conduct reassessments. NBs are also required to inform the manufacturer of new requirements in Modules C and D. However, ISO 17065, an accreditation standard, requires NBs to notify their clients of new requirements and to apply the new requirement schemes.
- Small High Speed Boats – Cypress has national regulations that limits the persons capacity on a CE assessed boat. This is in conflict with the RCD. Action: Commission & AdCo.

- Database of Information/Authorized products of NBs – the Commission’s common database of certified products fulfills the requirements of the RCD. There is pushback from some RSG members on the need for this practice even though it is an RCD requirement. 11 of the 26 NBs currently submit data.
- Swedish Accident Investigation Report – Groundings and accidents in small lakes are increasing. Most while entering and leaving the harbors. Most in small (<6m) boats. Most drownings in 50-59 age range. Increased use of beacons and PFDs. Alcohol is a factor in over 50% of accidents.
- Compliant or non-compliant – Distance between fresh water fill and pump out access not defined by distance or location in ISO standards. IMCI will submit a PFE and request that ISO address this issue.
- Problems in Poland – Non-RCD/CE marked parts being stopped by Poland for lacking marking requirements under other directives (low voltage, machinery, WEEE, etc.). Requested AdCo inquire. Action: Commission and AdCo.
- RSG will be checking new DIS standards to assure that those PFEs requesting ISO clarification have been addressed.
- New Zealand Accident Report – Engine room fire on a commercial person carrier. Fire detection system not required. Ventilation duct remained open in the fire compartment.
- The next update of the RCD will begin in about 3 ½ years. Directive amendments happen about every 10 years. (2022/2023)

Technical Information (TI) Subgroup Meeting

PFE Actions

- PFE 322 – Extinguishing systems for all-electric boats – ISO 9094 addresses only IC engine boats. Recommended the text of the RCD which require appropriate FF systems. Update either 9094 or the new Li-Ion battery standard. New systems shall follow appropriate national requirements.
- PFE 323 – Diesel engine shut down – Diesel engines should have an automatic shut down for both manual and automatic FF systems. Does an ignition switch satisfy this requirement? Yes, if it is part of the FF system activation system.
- New PFE – Potable water inlet/sewage water outlet – these hull arrangements should be separated “as far as practicable”. Proposed sewage outlet to be on opposite side of the potable water inlet or if not practicable, overflow cannot flow toward the potable water inlet. Recommended this be addressed in ISO 8099.

General Issues

- New PFE - Emergency steering for craft with single sterndrive – Sterndrive craft are not required to have emergency steering. The sterndrive is not considered a rudder steering system. This RCD requirement does not apply to sterndrive craft.

The next meetings of the RSG subgroups are scheduled for 5-6 March 2019 in La Rochelle, France. The next meeting of the RSG Committee is tentatively scheduled for 6-7 May, 2019 in Berlin, Germany.

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