



# 9<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting

## 14/01/2014

### Meeting Minutes

Voluntary Industry Agreement to Improve the Energy  
Consumption of Complex Set Top Boxes under the  
EuP/ErP Directive

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## **1. Meeting Details**

### **Agenda**

1. Announcements
2. II Draft Report
3. Commission VA Guidelines
4. Version 4.0 and Tier 3
5. Update on DG-JRC Code of Conduct
6. External PSU Regulation
7. AOB
  - a. Blue Guide on implementation of EU product rules
  - b. Next Meeting

## **2. Date and Venue**

**14<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Chairman: David Daniels**

**Venue: Microsoft European Briefing Centre, Brussels**

### 3. Announcements

Welcome from VA Chairman and round table introductions.

Apologies: Stephane Arditi – EEB, Chris Wordley – Echostar, Florian Tremblay – Sagemcom, Thomas Nogues – CableLabs, Sheila Cassells – DIF, Adriana Mattei – Microsoft.

Hans Paul reporting to new Unit (Netherlands Enterprise Agency) as of January 2014 without change of responsibilities.

The new representatives from EC (DG Energy) are Robert Nuij (Head of Sector) and Paolo Tosoratti, (who takes over from Adam Romanowski).

Motorola has been acquired by Arris. Motorola will remain the signatory until a decision is taken by Arris to change this.

Telenet and Virgin Media are both represented via Liberty Global.

NDS now reports as Cisco. These changes raised the question on how will signatories deal with different requirements for companies who play different roles (CA / Middleware / HW provider, service provider, etc - e.g. Cisco, BSkyB). What is to be considered the "main" activity? Discussions on this were agreed to be held during the VA v4.0 discussions. There are different line of thinking, one being that the signatory chooses the main activity but if one is hardware manufacturer then this is the one to be chosen; another option could be that when there are multiple activities the signatory would have to report independently. The general feeling of the group though was that since the VA is aimed at hardware, the signatory should at the very least report against boxes put on the market.

The next Independent Inspector report will be the first against Tier 2.

The Chair reminded the group that this means new test procedures, as per the updated Annex E of VA v3.1 and that APD is MANDATORY as of Tier 2, which requires software versions to be recorded in the test reports.

### 4. Independent Inspector Draft Report

This will be the 3rd (and last) reporting period of Tier 1. The summary of the conclusions are as follows:

- 17 signatories with reporting obligation, all compliant; the trend and distribution are similar to previous reporting;
- c25 million boxes were put in the market in this reporting year;
- 69% of the boxes already have APD implemented (previous reporting period was 48%)

1. Observation from chairman: Use of APD saves 21 Gwh/yr on the boxes put on to the market this year.
  2. Observation from chairman: 4.5 Gwh/yr improvement;
- Concern was raised about the fact that test reports were not made immediately available when Inspector asked some the signatories;
  - 2 signatories reported after the deadline (more than one month later); Inspector had to wait until last report arrived;
  - Point of attention: Report shall be provided asap hence signatories shall report on time and test results to be made available immediately when requested by the Inspector
    1. The Chair will remind signatories of their reporting obligations. This was the first year reports had been requested by the end of September, it is hoped this can be improved for the next report;
- Audit: procedure went very smoothly; All signatories and boxes were compliant;
  - Discussions were held on report from Inspector on Tier 2 compliance and findings from the audited signatory. The report will make it clear that this is not a Tier 1 compliancy issue but more as an informative remark;
  - This year no checks were made concerning consumer information due to time constraints;
  - Debate about 'placed on the market' and 'put into service': The VA offers the alternatives "placed on the market" or "put into service"; and there seem to be different interpretations of which (signatories) shall report based on what.
  - Question as to why the Inspector did not check for other VA compliance criteria other than energy efficiency (e.g. information requirements). Inspector responded that this was considered as less relevant during this reporting period.
  - Debate about whether boxes without APD implemented for Tier 2 count as part of the 10% allowance for non-compliance. VA seems to indicate that 90% shall be compliant according to Annex D which deals only with energy consumption targets and not with APD hence there is some misunderstanding.
    1. The Chair observed that the intention of the 90% rule was to ensure boxes legitimately in the warehouse could still be put into service if they totalled less than 10% of total stock during any reporting period. It was agreed that this issue should be discussed further in the next VA revision (v4.0);
- Report to be published by the end of January.

## 5. Commission VA Guidelines

VA Steerco asked for support from EC to gather more signatories and encourage the industry to engage with the VA. The Commission responded positively and will investigate options to engage.

VA Guidelines status: Expectation is to submit it to Interservice consultation within 4 weeks.

## 6. Version 4 and Tier 3

VA v4.0 Tier 3:

- Draft published on Website pending feedback from signatories;
- Final Draft targeted to be available by June (for next Steerco);
- Draft to be sent to Consultation Forum but first needs to be discussed at next Steerco (for which the draft will be worked on by a small group and being published for Steerco);
- Next draft to be available in February (first face-to-face meeting with small group planned at Liberty or Cable Europe office in Brussels on Thursday 30 January 2014 (attendees to be confirmed but most likely Hans-Paul Siderius, BSkyB, Pace, Cisco, Liberty Global, Sky Italia);
- Editorial updates by end of March;
- Draft available by beginning of May for wider review prior to next Steerco.

## 7. Update on DG-JRC Code of Conduct

Hans-Paul Siderius provided the update on this topic.

- Hans-Paul presented a slide pack which will be available from <http://cstb.eu> in the coming days;
- Signatories: Technicolor, Pace, Swisscom, Belgacom.
  1. It has been noted (as in previous VA Steerco's) that it is understood that being VA signatory is required in order to be a CoC signatory; Belgacom and Swisscom should be VA signatory, although it is understood that this may not be compulsory for Swisscom as Switzerland is not part of EU.

## 8. External PSU Regulation

Meeting held in 2013 to assess further revisions of ePSU regulation. The conclusion was to wait for the outcome of US regulatory process.

## **9. AOB**

### **a. Blue Guide on implementation of EU Product Rules**

DG Enterprise is leading this work, DG Energy will consult DG Enterprise and report back to VA Steerco on the exact process and timing for updating the Blue Guide. VA Steerco together with EC (DG Energy and potentially also DG Enterprise) will decide on next steps (e.g. how to contribute) based on process and timing clarification.

### **b. Network Standby regulation:**

Klaus Verschuere (from Cisco) gave an update on status of Guidance document led by Digital Europe. The work is still in progress and subject to further reviews from EC; document seems to be at its final stages but still with unclear deadlines.

### **c. Next Meeting**

Planned for June – date to be announced.

**10. List of Participants of the 6th CSTB VA Steering Committee Meeting**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company/Organization</b>
David Daniels	BskyB
Sandeep Rana	Samsung
Martin Sidén	Viasat
Stefan Kastl	Sky DE
Juan Perez Diez	Liberty Global
Robert Turner	Pace
Klaus Verschuere	Cisco
Jim Westwood	Amino Communications
Karsten Schischke	Fraunhofer IZM
Robery Nuij	DG Energy
Paolo Tosoratti	(DG Connect) DG Energy
Hans-Paul Siderius	Netherlands Enterprise Agency
Bruno Delplanque	STMicro
Edith Molenbroek	Ecofys
Paulo Valente	Cable Europe
Narco Gianellini	Sky Italia



**11. Review of action items**

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Arrange meeting with Belgacom	David Daniels	Ongoing
	Obtain ETNO's key contact and approach them	David Daniels	Ongoing
2	Distribute the current version of the Networked Standby draft guidelines	Klaus Verschuere	Ongoing
	Send to the Chair the results of their analysis of energy consumption information from different companies' websites and see if any improvement can be made on the consumer reporting	Edith Molenbroek	
4	Publication of VA 3.1		Completed
5	Arrange subgroup meeting to discuss Tier 3 Limits	David Daniels	Completed
7	Propose venue/timescales suggestions for the stakeholders' workshop	David Daniels	Ongoing
	Invite Stakeholders to comment on "Resource Efficiencies" for possible inclusion in Version 4	David Daniels	Ongoing
	DG Energy to check with DG Enterprise on status of the Blue Guide and options to contribute. DG Energy to come back to VA Steerco or Chairman	DG Energy	