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Dear Mr Argüelles,

Following our letter BR-0832-22/08 of 31 March 2008 addressed to you I would like to clarify further the problem which was risen in this letter and discussed also during the last PG SCC.

1. A reference to the standard EN 14411:2006 on ceramic tiles has been published in OJ on the 4 December 2007. This standard is replacing the previous one, i.e. EN 14411:2003 and in the Communication of the Commission there is a note in the last column stating that validity of the EN 14411:2003 has expired on 30.06.2007. It means that there was no basis for the manufacturers to affix CE marking on these products in the period from the 1 July 2007 up to the 4 December 2007. This lack of continuity of the reference harmonized standard available poses a serious problem to the producers of those products with placing them on the market, since market surveillance authorities, acting in accordance with the regulations, deny legality of such CE marking and refuse to accept it.
2. Besides, the new scope of the standard EN 14411:2006 has excluded a number of products which were previously covered by the standard EN 14411:2003 (such as edges, corners, skirting, capping, coves, beads, steps, curved tiles and others). Since all ceramic tiles are covered by the mandate M119 (see annex 1) there is a need to decide, whether or not the excluded products are foreseen to be harmonized, however if a new standard will not be prepared for them the products will be excluded from the CPD.
3. Last but not least the standard EN 14411:2003 is still listed in NANDO database instead of EN 14411:2006.

I would like to add at the same time that the Polish delegation maintains its position that has been risen in a letter BR5-0823-24/08 of 9 March 2008 on the proposed enlargement of the mandate M120 for products intended for anti-corrosive protection of structural metallic profiles.

Taking the above-said into consideration, the Polish delegation to the SCC would like to request you to include the issues in the agenda of the nearest 67. SCC meeting on 22/23 May which would allow the problems to be discussed and resolved.

Sincerely yours,

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