
EFCEM End of Year Review 2022

Interim Secretary General Report, Mr Keith Warren

As we end the year it is with a clear direction regarding the recruitment of a replacement Secretary General following the decision at the General Assembly. I would like to thank the Associations who actively promoted the vacancy; the Board will be interviewing candidates in January 2023. Until that time, it has been a pleasure to act as Interim Secretary General.

The importance of our Federation's key role in Europe is further supported by the statement below from Orgalim Director General, Malte Lohan. EFCEM is actively involved in the work of Orgalim through our associate membership. As you are aware we are active contributors through the input that we provide via the Working Group Convenors. Our EFCEM Working Groups are essential in ensuring a consensus position for our sector and we have seen strong examples of their work throughout the year.

On behalf of our President and personally, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your active support throughout what has been a difficult year for our Federation. Our solidarity has meant that we have been able to maintain our presence on behalf of your company members and we continue to influence technical and policy affairs in Europe. The fast-evolving low carbon economy developments mean that our work is essential to ensure that policy is both relevant and proportionate.

I wish you and your families a happy Christmas and New Year.

Keith Warren,
Interim Secretary General.

A message from the Orgalim Director General, Mr Malte Lohan

Dear colleagues,

As we close another turbulent year, I want to thank you for your commitment and valuable contribution to our shared EU priorities.

2022 was a year when many in the European centres of power woke up to the realisation that Europe's long held status as an industrial powerhouse is no longer a given, indeed is on shaky ground. This realisation has allowed a new clarity to emerge. Preserving Europe's leadership in clean and high-tech manufacturing is now firmly recognised as an overarching strategic priority, and all minds are focused on the practicalities of how to get it right.

We can safely say 2023 will be a pivotal year for European industry, and for our sectors. Making our voice heard will be more important than ever. I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure we can compete, innovate, and thrive, to secure a green and prosperous future for Europe and us all.

For now, may I wish you and yours a restful Christmas break and all the best for the year ahead!

Best wishes,

Malte Lohan



Working Group Reports

Working Group One and Four: BIM and Connectivity

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Because of the overlap of work in these previously separate committees they have been merged. IoT developments mean that BIM and connected equipment are inextricably linked.

The work in this group has focussed on seeking to develop a Foodservice Equipment Data Strategy which could highlight the benefits to the operator and the connectivity Value Chain.

There is work developing which will seek to provide a document which underlines the value of connected equipment and connected kitchens. We hope to have a proposal by February 2023.

Our BIM work is underpinned by the annual IFSE BIM Parameters Group. The next meeting will be in June 2023 and submissions for additions or amendments must be made using the comment form by May 2023. Please add this to the agenda for your member meetings in 2023.

Working Group Three: Safety, Hygiene, Potability of Water

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Machinery Directive

A C2P (the Compliance & Risks service of consultation of worldwide Regulations) document that summarizes the principal point of development of the Machine Directive into the Commission proposal for a new EU Machinery Products Regulation was shared with WG3 members.

New Legislative Framework

WG3 was informed about the publication by the European Commission of the 'Blue Guide on the implementation of the product rules 2022' meant for a better understanding of EU product rules and facilitation of their uniform application across sectors throughout the Single Market.

As stated in the preface: This Guide is intended to contribute to a better understanding of EU product rules and to their more uniform and coherent application across different sectors and throughout the single market. It is addressed to the Member States and others who need to be informed of the provisions designed to ensure the free circulation of products as well as a high-level of protection throughout the Union (e.g., trade and consumer associations, standardisation bodies, manufacturers, importers, distributors, conformity).

Food Contact

The EU Commission published the Public Consultation on the Revision of the FCMs Rules framework (Regulation 1935/2004) this 5 October running until 11 January 2023. The consultation has the aim to address the shortcomings identified with the current legislation, namely:

- Lack of clarity regarding the safety and functioning of the EU market in the absence of specific EU harmonized rules for FCMs other than main plastics.
- Weaknesses and limitations of legislation relying primarily on a list of authorized starting substances and lack of sufficient focus on the final FCM article.
- Lack of prioritization of the most hazardous substances in all FCMs.
- Poor quality, availability, and transparency of information in the supply chain hampering the ability to ensure compliance and undertake official controls.
- The current rules do not sufficiently support small and medium-sized businesses nor the development of safe and more sustainable alternatives.

The WG3 Members were invited to give their contribution to the document by 1st of December and after that a common EFCEM position paper will be sent to the European Commission.

Drinking Water Directive

The European Drinking Water Alliance (EDW) published a position paper on the 4MSI initiative on the Drinking Water Directive where it states that "EDW welcomes the initiative of some member states, known as 4MSI, to contribute towards EU-wide harmonized requirements for materials and products in contact with drinking water.

Based on practical experience with hygiene requirements for materials in contact with drinking water at national level in some member states, this position paper aims to provide input for the process of specifying the provisions of Article 11 from an industry perspective and mainly concerns the procedures for product classification and product conformity assessment.

While the principle of proportionality has already been sufficiently addressed in the requirements for metallic materials in the 4MSI approach, this is not the case for the approach for other materials, especially plastics and other organic materials."

Working Group Five: Marketing ***Convener contact keith.warren@fea.org.uk***

We will continue to promote the work of EFCEM and the results of Working Group Project work to all relevant colleagues and associates through email channels and social media platforms. To reach the broadest audience possible, we kindly ask that you also continue to share all EFCEM content to relevant parties and individuals.

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