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CEIR comments regarding the Construction Products Regulation (EU) No 305/2011

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INDUSTRIAL VALVES ARE NOT CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS IN PRINCIPLE

After careful examination of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 laying down harmonised conditions for the marketing of construction products (CPR) and existing national regulations in the Member States, CEIR considers that **industrial valves cannot be considered construction products in principle**. Therefore, industrial valves should not bear the CE marking related to the CPR and manufacturers should not be required to provide a Declaration of Performance.

However some well-defined **specific product families can be considered construction products**. These valves have a specific intended use and are designed accordingly. As from 1st July 2013, they must bear the CE marking and a Declaration of Performance must be provided with them, if the references to a harmonised standard have been published in the Official Journal

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of the European Union. Following Mandates M/131¹ and M/136² from the European Commission, harmonised standards are required for these products³:

Intended Use	Mandate	Standardisation Technical Committee in charge
Waste water drainage valves	M/131	CEN TC 165 ⁴
Water supply valves (water intended for human consumption)	M/136	CEN TC 164 ⁵
Fire fighting valves	M/131	CEN TC 192 ⁶
Gas valves	M/131	CEN TC 232 ⁷

CEIR considers that industrial valves, not specifically designed for these intended uses, should not be covered by a harmonised standard and therefore recommends CEN TC 69⁸ to withdraw or not activate any Working Item related to Mandate M/131 or M/136.

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¹ M/131 - Mandate to CEN and CENELEC concerning the execution of standardisation work for harmonised standards on pipes, tanks and ancillaries not in contact with water intended for human consumption

² M/136 - Mandate to CEN and CENELEC concerning the execution of standardisation work for harmonised standards on construction products in contact with drinking water

³ The corresponding standards may not be available in July 2013, due to drafting in progress

⁴ CEN TC 165 - Waste water engineering

⁵ CEN TC 164 - Water supply

⁶ CEN TC 192 - Fire service equipment

⁷ CEN TC 232 – Non-industrial manually operated shut-off valves for gas and particular combinations valves-other products

⁸ CEN TC 69 - Industrial valves