

ADCO-Machinery open Workshop on the NOMAD survey

“Quiet machinery – Higher competitiveness and better health”

You are a machine manufacturer? You are a machine user? Is “low noise emission” an issue for you?

NOMAD, a European pre-market surveillance survey has shown that 80 % of 1 500 instruction manuals of machines that have been analyzed do not comply with the current legal requirements on noise (European Machinery and “Outdoor” Directives) and are unusable. Clearly, manufacturers give the issue a very limited importance. Doing so, they take no commercial and competitiveness advantage of putting on the market quieter machines.

Employers seldom ask manufacturers for noise emission data and use it to make a risk assessment regarding noise exposure when buying a new machine. Doing so, they take no advantage of the social and economical benefits they can get from buying quieter machines.

Stakeholders concerned are manufacturers and employers but also professional buyers, occupational health and safety experts, national authorities (labour inspectors and market surveillance bodies), Notified Bodies and standardisers.

In order to raise awareness and improve this unsatisfactory situation, the European Commission and ADCO-Machines kindly invite all stakeholders to gather at an open Workshop. It will take place on

18 June 2013

at Hotel Le Plaza, Bd Adolphe Max, 118-126, Brussels 1000.

Participation is free of charge. Simultaneous translation in English, French and German will be provided.

A draft program of the Workshop is attached.

The full NOMAD report in English can be accessed at:

http://www.euroshnet.eu/fora_open.php?k=&postingview=flat&view=threaded&offset=0&ka=11&board=4&posting=89

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Preliminary program

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Opening 8h30

Morning session 9h00 *Chairperson: P. Etienne, France (ADCO-Machinery Chair)*

Welcome address : a representative of the European Commission

A little bit about sound pressure, sound power, emission, exposure: B. Juan y Seva, Spain & P. Kurtz, Germany (NOMAD Task Force)

Requirements on manufacturers of the Machinery Directive and the Outdoor Noise Directive relating to noise: I. Fraser & M. Dodds, EC/DGEI

Requirements on employers of the physical agents directive ‘Noise’: M. Szyszko, Poland (NOMAD Task Force)

NOMAD survey: presentation, results, consequences: D. Korver, NL & J. Jacques, France (NOMAD Task Force)

Good and bad examples of instructions: P. Kurtz, Germany (NOMAD Task Force)

The experience of manufacturers: NN

The experience of users: L. Monica, Italy (NOMAD TF)

How to improve the situation: 8 recommendations accepted by ADCO – Machines: B. Juan y Seva, Spain & P. Brereton, UK (NOMAD Task Force)

Lunch

Afternoon session *Chairpersons: J. Jacques, France & P. Kurtz, Germany (NOMAD Task Force)*

Panel sessions (short presentations by panelists representing key stakeholders followed by discussion between them and debate with the audience) on the following topics:

Less noise at work – Better health

Less noise at work – higher competitiveness

How to improve the situation: debate

Conclusions of the Seminar: P. Etienne, France (ADCO-Machinery Chair)

Closing 16h00