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Dear Colleagues

**PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIRECTIVE – WORKING PARTY ON GUIDELINES
(WPG), 15/16 MARCH 2005**

Please find attached my report of the WGP held last week. A very disappointing meeting where extremely slow progress was made, as only half the items on the agenda were debated. The next WPG meeting is scheduled for 20 April 2005.

I should like to take this opportunity to inform you that a successor to John Moriarty has at last been appointed. Mrs Joanne Carter joins the section as Policy Advisor on the Pressure and ATEX Directives on 4 April. I know that you will all wish her a warm welcome to these important areas of work.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fran Queen".

**FRAN QUEEN
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**REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY GUIDELINES (WGP) – BRUSSELS,
15/16 MARCH 2005**

All of the drafts referred to below are available on request.

**SECTION 1: DRAFT GUIDELINES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE WORKING
GROUP PRESSURE (WGP)**

Revised 6/1 – Approval of operating procedures and personnel

Sweden re-tabled this guideline. An editorial modification was accepted where “The actions of the notified body or recognised third party organisation are subject to the surveillance of the Member State” was added to the answer.

Revised 9/6 – Partial use of standards

Sweden re-tabled this question because they did not think it was clear how to describe what standards have been applied on the Declaration of Conformity. A new guideline was drafted to explain that all relevant provisions of the referenced standards should be listed in a precise, complete and clearly defined way.

New 164 and 169 – Manifolds

These two drafts, one from NBF and the other from the Users, sought to classify manifolds. Neither guideline was adopted, but “manifolds” were added to the list of examples of pressure accessories in guideline 1/8.

Revised 2/23 – Solar panels

UK re-tabled this guideline, because it only addressed one particular type of solar panel, and inferred that they fall in the SEP category. The guideline was amended by deleting “with additives” so it now applied to other types of solar panels, and the note now states that the panels may be SEP, Cat I or Cat II.

Revised 10/2 – Used equipment between EC countries

This editorial amendment tabled by France was accepted, as it clarified in which Member State the national legislation applies.

SECTION 2: OTHER ISSUES EMERGING

Revised 7/5 – Required documents for compliance of materials

Two proposals had been submitted to revise this guideline, one from CEN and the other from the NBF. After much debate it was decided that the draft guideline be returned to the NBF to further consider how the change from the old system to the new system under EN 10204: 2004 could be explained.

Revised 1/29 – End of a pipeline

Sweden re-tabled this guideline and ORGALIME had also produced related draft guidelines new 166 – pressure reduction stations, and new 167 – protective devices in pressure reduction stations. Much discussion but no

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agreement reached, so it was decided that ORGALIME would consider revising 1/29 and table it at the next WPG in April. New 166 and 167 were dropped.

TRG 0015 rev 2 – CE marking on a safety valve

It was considered that this technical sheet should be dropped.

Revised 7/16 – Specific assessment of material producers

This revised draft was proposed because of an accusation that Notified Bodies from a certain Member State were treating the assessment of material production incorrectly. This guideline was not revised, but the Commission and NBF agreed to investigate the complaint.

TRG 0030 – EC Type examination

Some comments made by ORGALIME and CEN. However, the draft was returned to the NBF for their further consideration.

Revised 2/4 – Heat exchanger consisting only of pipes

Sweden re-tabled this guideline and added another reservation to it (as this was the only amendment, the guideline will immediately updated on the PED.EURODYN website). Sweden was advised to raise this matter with the Article 7 Committee.

Revised 7/25 – Welded tubes

This revision tabled by the NBF was not accepted.

Transfer of PED responsibilities within the German government

WPG were informed that Helmut Kraft is no longer the German expert at WGP and WPG meetings. However, he has moved to a post dealing with market surveillance of pressure equipment, so will continue to attend the Administrative Co-operation Meetings. We do not know at this time who his replacement will be.