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II

(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Notice concerning the provisional application between the European Union and Peru, of the Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part

The Trade Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Colombia and Peru, of the other part, signed in Brussels on 26 June 2012, shall, pursuant to its Article 330(3), be provisionally applied between the European Union and Peru as from 1 March 2013. By virtue of Article 3(1) of the Council Decision of 31 May 2012 on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement, the EU does not apply provisionally Article 2, Article 202(1) and Articles 291 and 292 of the Agreement, pending the completion of the procedures for its conclusion.

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Notice concerning the entry into force of a Protocol between the European Union and the Republic of Tunisia establishing a Dispute Settlement Mechanism applicable to disputes under the trade provisions of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part

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REGULATIONS

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 175/2013

of 27 February 2013

amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 as regards the withdrawal of the approval of the active substance didicyldimethylammonium chloride

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC ⁽¹⁾, and in particular the second alternative of Article 21(3) and Article 78(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Directive 2009/70/EC ⁽²⁾ included didicyldimethylammonium chloride (DDAC) as active substance in Annex I to Council Directive 91/414/EEC of 15 July 1991 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market ⁽³⁾, with the condition that the Member States concerned ensure that the notifier at whose request DDAC was included in that Annex provides further confirmatory information on the specification of that active substance, as manufactured, by 1 January 2010.
- (2) Active substances included in Annex I of Directive 91/414/EEC are deemed to have been approved under Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 and are listed in Part A of the Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 of 25 May 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the list of approved active substances ⁽⁴⁾.
- (3) On 25 October 2011, the notifier submitted additional information with a view to complying with the obligation to submit further information on the specification of the active substance, as manufactured, to the rapporteur Member State, the Netherlands.
- (4) The Netherlands assessed the additional information submitted by the notifier. It submitted its assessment,

in the form of an addendum to the draft assessment report to the other Member States, the Commission and the European Food Safety Authority.

- (5) In the light of the additional information provided by the notifier, the Commission considered that the further confirmatory information required had not been provided.
- (6) The Commission invited the notifier to submit its comments on the considerations of the Commission.
- (7) The Commission has come to the conclusion that the information submitted is incomplete and does not allow to conclude on the degree of purity and, in particular, on the identity and content of the impurities.
- (8) It is appropriate to withdraw the approval of the active substance DDAC by deleting row 291 of Part A of the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011.
- (9) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (10) Member States should be provided with time to withdraw authorisations for plant protection products containing DDAC.
- (11) For plant protection products containing DDAC, where Member States grant any period of grace in accordance with Article 46 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009, this period should expire at the latest one year after the withdrawal of the authorisations.
- (12) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Amendment to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011

In Part A of the Annex to Implementing Regulation (EU) No 540/2011, the row No 291 didicyldimethylammonium chloride, is deleted.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 309, 24.11.2009, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 164, 26.6.2009, p. 59.

⁽³⁾ OJ L 230, 19.8.1991, p. 1.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 153, 11.6.2011, p. 1.

*Article 2***Transitional measures**

Member States shall ensure that authorisations for plant protection products containing didcyldimethyl-ammonium chloride are withdrawn by 20 June 2013.

*Article 3***Grace period**

Any grace period granted by Member States in accordance with Article 46 of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 shall be as short as possible and shall expire 12 months after withdrawal of the respective authorisation at the latest.

*Article 4***Entry into force**

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 February 2013.

For the Commission

The President

José Manuel BARROSO

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 176/2013**of 27 February 2013****establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 of 22 October 2007 establishing a common organisation of agricultural markets and on specific provisions for certain agricultural products (Single CMO Regulation) ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 of 7 June 2011 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1234/2007 in respect of the fruit and vegetables and processed fruit and vegetables sectors ⁽²⁾, and in particular Article 136(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 lays down, pursuant to the outcome of the Uruguay Round multi-lateral trade negotiations, the criteria whereby the

Commission fixes the standard values for imports from third countries, in respect of the products and periods stipulated in Annex XVI, Part A thereto.

- (2) The standard import value is calculated each working day, in accordance with Article 136(1) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011, taking into account variable daily data. Therefore this Regulation should enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The standard import values referred to in Article 136 of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 543/2011 are fixed in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 27 February 2013.

*For the Commission,
On behalf of the President,
José Manuel SILVA RODRÍGUEZ
Director-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development*

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 299, 16.11.2007, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 157, 15.6.2011, p. 1.

ANNEX

Standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)		
CN code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	IL	82,8
	MA	66,8
	TN	85,1
	TR	104,0
	ZZ	84,7
0707 00 05	EG	191,6
	MA	170,1
	TR	173,9
	ZZ	178,5
0709 91 00	EG	72,9
	ZZ	72,9
0709 93 10	MA	38,2
	TR	128,8
	ZZ	83,5
0805 10 20	EG	51,4
	IL	65,3
	MA	53,1
	TN	60,1
	TR	57,0
	ZZ	57,4
0805 20 10	EG	165,0
	IL	140,4
	MA	104,8
	ZA	73,9
	ZZ	121,0
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	IL	139,5
	MA	124,6
	PK	99,7
	TR	76,3
	US	127,1
	ZA	105,9
	ZZ	112,2
0805 50 10	TR	77,5
	ZZ	77,5
0808 10 80	CN	82,2
	MK	34,4
	US	170,9
	ZZ	95,8
0808 30 90	AR	148,2
	CL	183,9
	CN	84,0
	TR	179,9
	ZA	113,0
	ZZ	141,8

⁽¹⁾ Nomenclature of countries laid down by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1833/2006 (OJ L 354, 14.12.2006, p. 19). Code 'ZZ' stands for 'of other origin'.

DIRECTIVES

COMMISSION DIRECTIVE 2013/8/EU

of 26 February 2013

amending, for the purpose of adapting its technical provisions, Directive 2009/144/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain components and characteristics of wheeled agricultural or forestry tractors

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Directive 2003/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 on type-approval of agricultural or forestry tractors, their trailers and interchangeable towed machinery, together with their systems, components and separate technical units and repealing Directive 74/150/EEC⁽¹⁾, and in particular point (b) of Article 19(1) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Annex IV to Directive 2009/144/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽²⁾ sets out general provisions and requirements for mechanical couplings between tractor and towed vehicle and vertical load on the coupling point.
- (2) In recent years, new kinds of couplings have been put into use in the Union and are currently nationally approved on the basis of ISO standards. These are namely no-swivel clevis couplings (ISO 6489-5:2011), ball type couplings (ISO 24347:2005) and pin type couplings (ISO 6489-4:2004).
- (3) In order to take account of the current market situation, to minimise possible safety and economic impacts and to allow those couplings to be EC type-approved, it is necessary to include the couplings concerned and the relevant ISO standards in Directive 2009/144/EC.
- (4) Directive 2009/144/EC should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Directive are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established in Article 20(1) of Directive 2003/37/EC,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DIRECTIVE:

Article 1

Annex IV to Directive 2009/144/EC is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Directive.

Article 2

1. Member States shall adopt and publish, by 1 April 2014 at the latest, the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions.

When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the main provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 3

This Directive shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Article 4

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 February 2013.

For the Commission
The President

José Manuel BARROSO

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 171, 9.7.2003, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 27, 30.1.2010, p. 33.

ANNEX

Annex IV to Directive 2009/144/EC is amended as follows:

(1) point 1.1 is replaced by the following:

“1.1. Mechanical coupling between tractor and towed vehicle” means the components installed on the tractor and on the towed vehicle in order to provide the mechanical coupling between those vehicles.

Only mechanical coupling components for tractors are covered in this Directive.

Among the various types of mechanical coupling components for tractors a basic distinction is made between:

- clevis type (see Figures 1 and 2 of Appendix 1),
- no-swivel clevis couplings (see Figure 1d of Appendix 1),
- towing hook (see Figure 1 – “Hitch-hook dimensions” in ISO 6489-1:2001),
- tractor drawbar (see Figure 3 of Appendix 1),
- ball type (see Figure 4 of Appendix 1),
- pin (piton) type (see Figure 5 of Appendix 1).’;

(2) point 2.7 is replaced by the following:

‘2.7. The jaw must permit the drawbar rings to swivel axially at least 90° to the right or left around the longitudinal axis of the coupling with a fixed braking momentum of between 30 and 150 Nm.

The towing hook, no-swivel clevis coupling, ball type coupling and pin type coupling must allow the drawbar ring to swivel axially at least 20° to the right or left around the longitudinal axis of the coupling.’;

(3) point 3.1 is replaced by the following:

‘3.1. **Dimensions**

The dimensions of the mechanical coupling components on the tractor must comply with Appendix 1, Figures 1 to 5 and Table 1.’;

(4) point 3.3.1 is replaced by the following:

‘3.3.1. The maximum static vertical load is laid down by the manufacturer. However, it must not exceed 3 000 kg, except for the ball type coupling, where the maximum value shall not exceed 4 000 kg.’;

(5) in 3.4.1, the following sentence is added:

‘Masses m_t , m_{lt} , m_a and m_{la} are expressed in kg.’;

(6) point 4.2 is replaced by the following:

‘4.2. For each type of mechanical coupling component the application must be accompanied by the following documents and particulars:

- scale drawings of the coupling device (three copies). These drawings must in particular show the required dimensions in detail as well as the measurements for mounting the device,
- a short technical description of the coupling device specifying the type of construction and the material used,
- a statement of the value of D as referred to in Appendix 2 for the dynamic test or the value of T (towable mass in tonnes), corresponding to 1,5 times the technically permissible maximum laden trailer mass, as referred to in Appendix 3 for the static test, and also the vertical maximum load on the coupling point S (expressed in kg),
- one or more sample devices as required by the technical service.’;

(7) points 5.1.3 and 5.1.4 are replaced by the following:

‘5.1.3. where the strength is checked in accordance with Appendix 2 (dynamic test):

permissible value of D (kN),

static vertical load value of S (kg);

5.1.4. where the strength is checked in accordance with Appendix 3 (static test):

towable mass T (tonnes), and vertical load on the coupling point S (kg).’;

(8) point 6 is replaced by the following:

‘6. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

All mechanical couplings must be accompanied by the manufacturer's instructions for use. These instructions must include the EC component type-approved number and also the values of D (kN) or T (tonnes) depending on which test was performed on the coupling.’;

(9) Appendix 1 is amended as follows:

(a) the following Figure 1d and Table 1 are inserted after Figure 1c:

‘Figure 1d

No-swivel clevis coupling (corresponding to ISO 6489-5:2011)

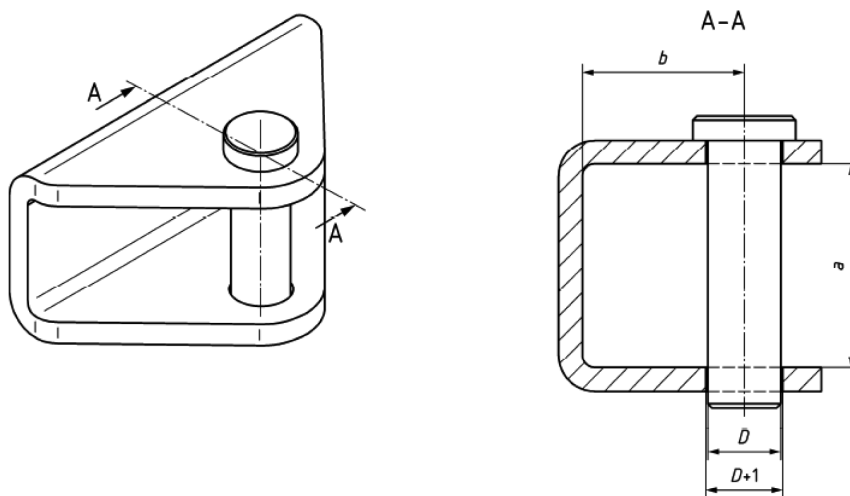


Table 1

Shapes and dimensions of trailer or implement clevis couplings

Vertical load S kg	D value D kN	Shape	Dimension mm		
			$D \pm 0,5$	a min.	b min.
$\leq 1\,000$	≤ 35	w	18	50	40
$\leq 2\,000$	≤ 90	x	28	70	55
$\leq 3\,000$	≤ 120	y	43	100	80
$\leq 3\,000$	≤ 120	z	50	110	95'

(b) the following Figures 4 and 5 are added:

Figure 4

Ball type coupling (corresponding to ISO 24347:2005)

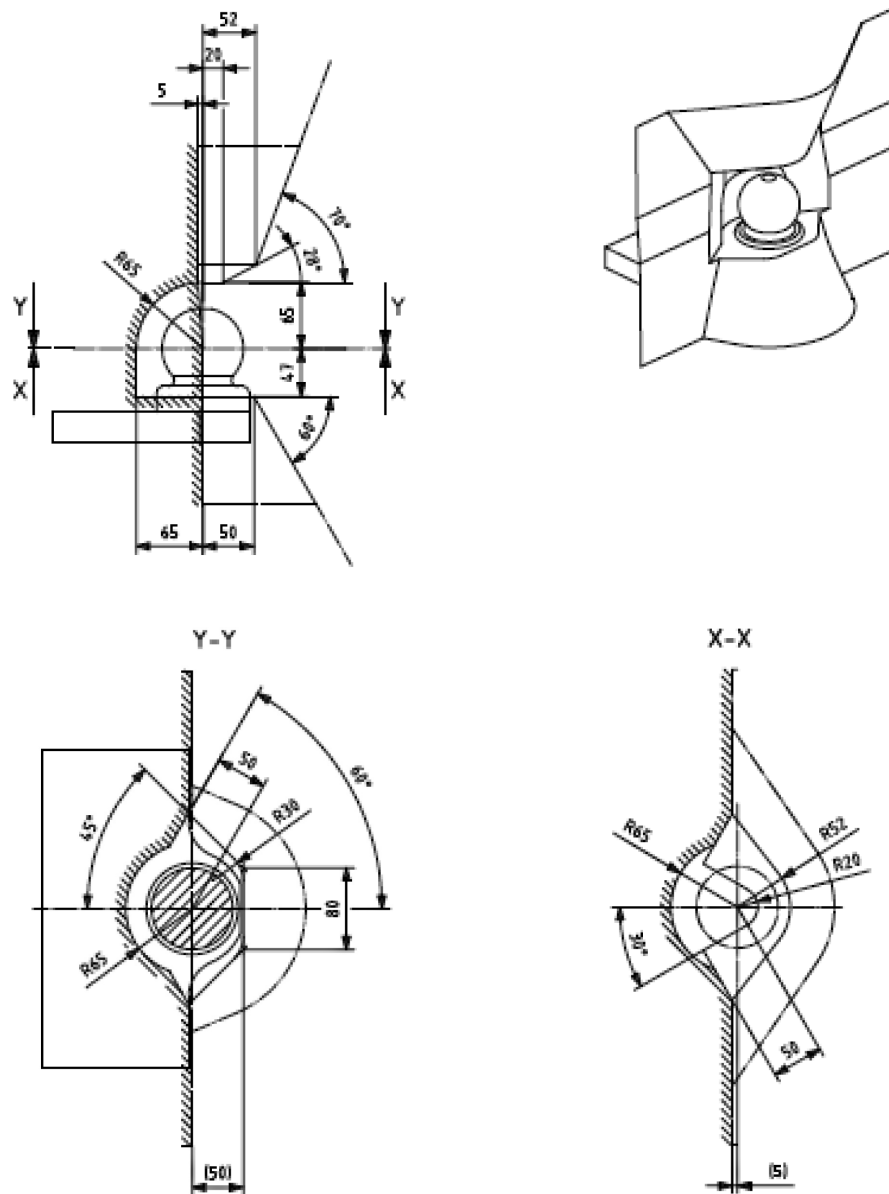
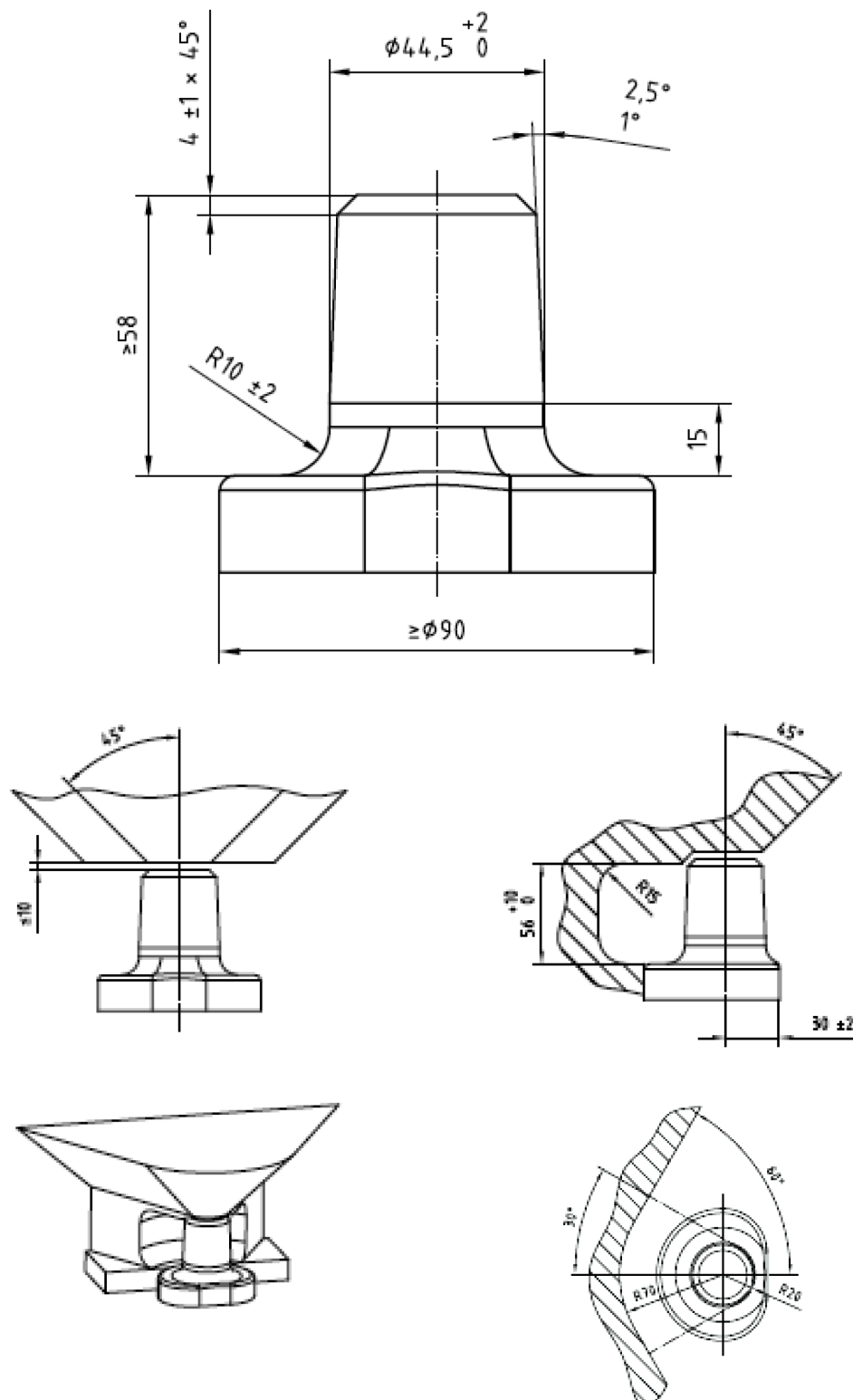


Figure 5

Pin type coupling (corresponding to ISO 6489-4:2004)



(10) Appendix 2 is amended as follows:

(a) in point 2 the fifth and sixth paragraphs are replaced by the following:

‘The vertical force components at right angles to the track are expressed by the static vertical load S (kg).

The technically permissible masses M_T and M_R are given by the manufacturer in tonnes.’;

(b) point 3.2 is replaced by the following:

‘3.2. Test forces

The test force consists in geometrical terms of the horizontal and vertical test components as follows:

$$F = \sqrt{F_h^2 + F_v^2}$$

where:

$F_h = \pm 0,6 \cdot D$ (kN) in the case of alternating force,

or

$F_h = 1,0 \cdot D$ (kN) in the case of rising force (traction or pressure),

$F_v = g \cdot 1,5 \cdot S/1\,000$ (value expressed in kN)

S = static drawbar load (load on the track, expressed in kg).’;

(11) in Appendix 3 point 1.5 is replaced by the following:

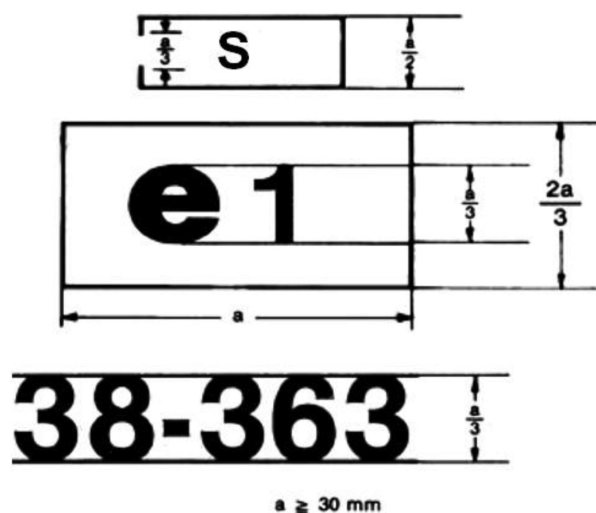
‘1.5. The test referred to in point 1.4.2 must be preceded by a test in which an initial load of three times the maximum permissible vertical force (in daN, equal to $g \cdot S/10$) recommended by the manufacturer is applied in a gradually increasing manner, starting from an initial load of 500 daN, to the reference centre of the coupling device.

During the test, deformation of the coupling device must not exceed 10 % of the maximum elastic deformation occurring.

The check is carried out after removing the vertical force (in daN, equal to $g \cdot S/10$) and returning to the initial load of 500 daN.’;

(12) in Appendix 4 the following example is added:

‘Example of an EC type-approval mark



The coupling bearing the EC component type-approval mark shown above is a device for which EC component type-approval was granted in Germany (e1) under the number 38-363 and on which a static strength test (S) was performed.';

(13) Appendix 5 is amended as follows:

(a) the title is replaced by the following:

'NOTIFICATION CONCERNING THE GRANTING, REFUSAL, WITHDRAWAL OR EXTENSION OF EC COMPONENT TYPE-APPROVAL WITH REGARD TO THE STRENGTH AND DIMENSIONS AND VERTICAL LOAD ON THE COUPLING POINT OF A TYPE OF COUPLING DEVICE (CLEVIS TYPE, NO-SWIVEL CLEVIS COUPLINGS, TOWING HOOK, TRACTOR DRAWBAR, BALL TYPE AND PIN TYPE.)';

(b) point 2 is replaced by the following:

'2. Type of coupling device (clevis type, no-swivel clevis couplings, towing hook, tractor drawbar, ball type, pin type) ⁽²⁾;

(c) points 5.1 and 5.2 are replaced by the following:

'5.1. *Dynamic test:*

value of D:

..... (kN)

vertical load on the coupling point (S):

..... (kg)

5.2. *Static test:*

towable mass T:

..... (tonnes)

vertical load on the coupling point (S):

..... (kg)';

(14) in Appendix 7, point 9 is replaced by the following:

'9. Permissible static vertical load on the coupling point:

..... (kg)'

DECISIONS

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

of 21 November 2012

on mobilisation of the European Union Solidarity Fund, in accordance with point 26 of the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management

(2013/108/EU)

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 between the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on budgetary discipline and sound financial management ⁽¹⁾, and in particular point 26 thereof,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund ⁽²⁾,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The European Union has created a European Union Solidarity Fund (the 'Fund') to show solidarity with the population of regions struck by disasters.
- (2) The Interinstitutional Agreement of 17 May 2006 allows the mobilisation of the Fund within the annual ceiling of EUR 1 billion.
- (3) Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 contains the provisions whereby the Fund may be mobilised.

- (4) Italy submitted an application to mobilise the Fund, concerning a disaster caused by a series of earthquakes in Italy,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

For the general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2012, the European Union Solidarity Fund shall be mobilised to provide the sum of EUR 670 192 359 in commitment and payment appropriations.

Article 2

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Strasbourg, 21 November 2012.

For the European Parliament

The President

M. SCHULZ

For the Council

The President

A. D. MAVROYIANNIS

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 139, 14.6.2006, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3.

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