

The position as approved by CEN and CENELEC Technical Boards through decisions BT C060/2018 in CEN and D159/104 on 2018-05-02.

Final CEN and CENELEC position on review of the Outdoor Noise Directive 2000/14/EC

- The experience with the current Outdoor Noise Directive 2000/14/EC (OND), where generic noise measurement standards as well as noise test codes are fixed in the legislation, has shown that a more flexible approach with respect to the adaptation to the state of the art would be necessary. It is inappropriate that the OND contains in the Annex III many dated references to generic noise measurement standards. Most of the referenced standards are already outdated. For the same reasons it does not seem to be appropriate to have the noise test codes in the Annex III: fixing test methods in the legal act results in the situation that they become outdated over time. As result these noise test codes in OND are not consistent anymore with corresponding noise test codes in harmonised standards supporting the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC.
- If it is decided that the noise tests codes are to be moved from the OND to standards it is of key importance to ensure that the test codes are not unilaterally imposed on CEN, without possibility to technically influence them and change them. This was the case in 2005 when a programming mandate M/373 was issued. And for this reason it was rejected (BT decision C009/2006 BT N 7494).
- As conclusion CEN and CENELEC would favour a revision of the OND which is as much as possible in line with the principles of the New Approach in order to facilitate the adaptation of generic noise measurement standards and noise test codes to the state of the art and to guaranty the consistency of machine specific noise test codes between the OND and the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC.