

Webinar of 2023-07-07

Webinar 'Matrix of responsibilities for requesting common modifications to IEC standards and the inclusion of Annex Z/(ZA) in IEC Standards'

Questions & Answers

1	The parallel development is only theoretical possible. The experience shows that the development is sequential.	Coordination with IEC is key.
2	In addition, the content is in most cases different. The international content is much broader than the EU requirements.	Noted.
3	Common modifications requested at enquiry stage need a NWIP?	No NWIP needed, a TC request is enough.
4	If the parallel development of standards is not wished. When has the exemption from parallel vote has to be placed?	The CENELEC TC should make the request for the exemption of parallel procedure. The request has to be approved by BT.
5	At which stage? CDV?	The earlier the better, but it can be done at any stages
6	Standardization request has an expiring date. The validity of a SR is max. 2 years. The development time of a standard is longer. The publication will be after the expiring date of the SR. Therefore, a listing in OJ will not be possible.	Any efforts should be made to ensure that the time frame is followed. The Matrix aims at providing further clarification for the process.
7	How long after the delivery of the ZA/ZZ attachments has the HAS consultant return the comments?	Normally, the assessment report should be delivered 35 days after the assessment was requested. But today it's longer due to the backlog caused by the gap between the 2 HAS contracts in 2022.
8	In the past you could ask for a meeting with the HAS consultants to discuss Annexes ZZ/ZA and his comments on the draft project, is it still possible today?	Meetings with HAS consultants are possible, though in principle they should have as a basis an existing assessment.
9	Can a common modification be send in parallel to a CD?	The CD only takes place at IEC. What can be done is include a draft Common modification and IEC

		draft for HAS assessment at the same time. This needs to be requested by the TC secretary.
10	Assessment on FDIS who have to request it, when already there was an assessment on enquiry? Documents have to be uploaded from the secretary?	The FDIS European elements need to be provided by the technical body. CCMC will request the HAS assessment in case they are received.
11	Last year you were talking about pre-assessment, this wording seems to have disappeared?	A pre assessment does not really exist. The last training on the HAS is available in https://experts.cenelec.eu/trainings-materials/events/2023/2023-05-16_webinar-functioning-has/
12	Is there a formal definition of common modification?	Yes, in Internal Regulations part 2. common modification alteration of, addition to or deletion from the content of a reference document, approved by CEN and/or CENELEC and thus forming part of the EN (and HD for CENELEC)
13	I thought starting NWIP you could also request already a pre-assessment without on NWIP/CD stage but now in slides there is no wording about, it is called only assessment	An HAS assessment can be requested at the Working Draft. It is our understanding that this is your meaning of pre-assessment.
14	If a common modification was made for an edition say ed2 +A11. Do we need to make the same amendment again when IEC publishes a similar new edition?	The preparation of Common modifications needs to follow the IEC development. If there is a new version and the common modifications are still needed, we need to create a new WI on the CENELEC side.
15	Do you need an annex ZZ for WD stage?	Yes, this element is crucial to be able to request an HAS assessment.
16	In IEC we can have regional or national annexes, what is the difference to common modifications?	The common modifications are considered as an integrant part of the Standard and they have to be implemented by the CENELEC members.