

Report

Subject : **Meeting FEIBP WG PHB**

Date : **01-04-2016**

Attending : J. Herzog, mrs D. Quemper, F. Thomas, Ph. Coward (Chairman), D. DeCoopman, mrs. T. Haug, mrs G. Haug, S. Kongsgaard, F. Ceelaert (general manager)

Apologised: C.B Pedersen, mrs. L. Julich, D. Lessmann, G. Bignotti, K. Skov

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1. Opening

Chairman Philip Coward opens the meeting, welcoming those Working Group members attending.

2. Report of the meeting of the WG PHB, held on 24 September 2015

The minutes were approved without remarks.

3. EHEDG / Item “Hygienic Design of Cleaning Equipment”

EHEDG Guidelines 8 and 32 are relevant for this potential project, but the WG has to decide how to go forward.

It will be time-consuming project and the chairman indicates that he is not available due to the activities at Hill Brush, moving its premises to a newly build factory.

FEIBP will be one of the stakeholders in the project.

VIKAN is individual member of EHEDG and uses its authority in their own publications.

FFB is member in France and discussions are now more about research in the field of technical brushware.

EHEDG

- What is the added value of membership?

The general view of the meeting is that the PHB Charter covers all hygienic rules and that the design of the product is more individual.

It was decided to put the project “manual cleaning tools” on hold, FEIBP remains member of EHEDG and the Working Group Technical Brushes will be informed on EHEDG possibilities for Technical Brushware. *Fons*

Some members of WG PHB, Lessmann and Brenet, are active in WG TB as well.

4. FEIBP Declaration of Compliance

Gratitude was expressed to Danièle, who supplied the English version of the French Déclaration de Conformité.

Some aspects

- The use of the declaration is compulsory, in fact a legal obligation
- An official FEIBP declaration gives more authority and is a selling point to the customers
- Only the conclusion of the migration test will be available for customers, not the process of the tests
- Not all products with food contact require a declaration, but the interpretation of the regulations is not always clear.

Decisions regarding the introduction of the declaration of compliance

- Language versions of the declaration to be included as pdf file into the closed part of the FEIBP website
- Each declaration is for 1 individual product
- Check language versions and development format by Philip and Fons *Philip /Fons*
- The obligation to use the declaration will be added to the PHB Charter *Fons*
- French version of the Charter is missing on the new website *Fons*

5. Commission Regulation (EU) 1272 / 2013 (REACH – limits PAH)

REACH touches at HACCP.

Gigi stipulates that the Haug hygiene brushware products can be used in the HACCP system of the customer. It is up to the customer to take care of HACCP.

Decisions

This element is to be included into a “customers instruction leaflet”, the do’s and don’ts:

- “PHB products are suitable for use in HACCP system of the customer / user”
- EU 1272 / 2013 will be added to the list of regulations under the heading “PAH conformity”

DRAFT CUSTOMERS INSTRUCTION LEAFLET / introduction to the Charter

- PHB products are a guarantee for quality products
- The PHB trademark logo is EU registered
- The PHB Charter is in compliance with international and national legislation regarding hygiene brushware products
- PHB products are suitable for use in HACCP system of the customer / user
- The FEIBP declaration of compliance to EU food contact regulations will be issued for individual brushware product delivered
- The FEIBP declaration of compliance includes the obligation to carry out migration tests
- The PHB registered companies consist of a group of innovative EU companies making high level design of manual cleaning tools, member of EHEDG
- PHB registered companies are manufacturers of hygiene brushware and ancillary cleaning equipment
- Any supplier / trader of PHB products is entitled to refer to the PHB Charter
- Only the PHB registered company is entitled to use the PHB logo in PR outings (catalogues, websites, leaflets etc) and the PHB registered company informs the supplier / trader about this
- All PHB registered companies and their portfolio of hygiene brushware products are to be found on www.eurobrush.com
- All PHB companies are member of the FEIBP, the European Brushware federation

All members of the WG PHB are asked to comment on this draft leaflet

All PHB members

6. Scope, content and safeguarding of the Charter

a. Status application Ravi Industries Ltd. / Sri Lanka

Franck advocates that the controlling of the Charter is of the essence and it will be better and easier to do if the Charter is restricted to European manufacturers.

Gigi wonders what will be happening if Chinese companies apply for PHB registration and supports the view of Franck.

Philip points at the fact that FEIBP has individual members in Algeria and Turkey.

Decisions on a proposal to the FEIBP board:

Fons

- The PHB Charter is limited to geographical Europe
- 80% of the range of the hygiene products are manufactured in geographical Europe

If the proposal will be accepted, Ravi cannot join FEIBP.

b. Misuse of the PHB logo

Philip notes the positive results of the actions taken by the general manager.

In both the Budai and Ressel case an element of misunderstanding the rules is obvious.

Ressel needs to delete the PHB logo in their catalogue.

Fons

c. PHB registrations / member companies

PHB Application Racletta NV, Belgium

Introduced by Dominique.

A manufacturer of domestic squeegees.

The meeting agrees on the application and once Racletta is accepted as new FEIBP member company, PHB registration can follow.

Fons

FFB

Danièle informs that the company of Armand Chainard is expected to apply for PHB registration, but unfortunately Brosserie Julio will be leaving the Charter as a consequence of a changing product portfolio.

d. Renewal of the PHB certificates

All certificates 2016 – 2018 issued.

e. Annual registration fee PHB Charter

It was decided to keep the fee unchanged: € 300 for the year 2016.

The reserves are amounting up to € 19.000 and these funds can be used for general advertising and research.

7. FEIBP activities / PR for the PHB Charter

a. www.eurobrush.com online

The new website is launched.

b. FEIBP at Interbrush 2016, 27 – 29 April 2016

Shared booth with ABMA and Germany, with PR material on PHB available.

c. 58th FEIBP congress, 7 – 9 September 2016, Edinburgh (Scotland)

Philip reports that the organisation is running well and that the congress part of FEIBP website will become available in a week.

8. Economic Outlook

Sigurd / Denmark

Stable situation

Unemployment rate of concern

Production back to EU from East Europe and China, ongoing automisation improves EU competitiveness

Gigi / Germany

Economy remains strong

Impact immigration issue

Employment rate is good

Problem to get qualified employees

Dominique / Belgium

Slow start 2016

Great impact terrorist attacks

Franck / France

Economy still not good, at the best stable

Rules in France more strict than other EU countries

But: Production comes back to France

Handicap is the direct link of the great distributors to China

What will the upcoming elections next year bring?

Johannes / Austria

Hygiene product market good

Demand volatile / low stocks

Political situation weak with too much parties

Fons / The Netherlands

Industry performing rather well

Also hints of returning production

Elections 2017 ahead

Philip / United Kingdom

Brexit? Older generation seems to be in favour
The pros and cons are not clear
Industry is very concerned about the referendum
Economy good last 2 years

9. Any other business

Generally products delivered are in compliance with the specification .
As Dominique mentioned this is not always the case and it can lead to unfair competition.
The idea of a Quality Chart Raw Materials will be considered

10. Date next meeting Working Group PHB Charter

In conjunction with the 58th FEIBP congress, Edinburgh
Thursday 8 September 2016, 13.30 hours

11. Closure

The special atmosphere of the Warrant Holders Association in London did add to a very interactive and productive meeting.
Many thanks to everyone for joining and Philip closed the meeting.