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General
New Opinions Distributed by China’s State Council regarding to Production Overcapacity and Repetitious Construction in some Industries

NDRC (National Development and Reform Commission), along with the MLR (Ministry of Land and Resources), MEP (Ministry of Environmental Protection), and seven other government ministries have joined together to curb production overcapacity and redundant construction by publishing a joint policy opinions in order to promote healthier growth, including steel, cement, flat glass, poly-silicon, wind power equipment and coal-to-chemical industries. At least 2 of 6 industries covered will affect our members.

To reiterate existing policy targets, the State Council emphasized the urgency in meeting the government's long-standing goal of reducing overcapacity as urgent because the result of inaction would be factory closures, job losses and rising bad bank loans, overcapacity in sectors such as iron and steel, cement and power generation. These have become a stumbling block to economic growth, a result of blind investment in such projects by local governments.
Nine main measures are given to curb production overcapacity and repetitious construction. These measures are:

- Restrict the market access conditions for these industries
- Strengthen supervision on environmental protection
- Enhance the supply and use for land
- Implementing protective and controlled financial policies
- Strict management of project approval
- Better merger and reorganization of enterprises
- Establish the information publishing system
- Carry out the accountability system
- Deepen the system reform

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The 5th EU-China Business Summit and the 12th China-EU Summit in Nanjing

The 5th EU-China business summit was held in Nanjing on 30th November 2009. Business leaders from Europe and China met together. With the theme of “The Green Agenda: Sustaining Growth Beyond the Recovery”, this year’s business summit focused on how to achieve a sustainable recovery from the global financial crisis, climate change as well as the development of EU-China trade relations. Running in parallel with the annual China-EU summit, the business summit is recognized as the highest-level platform for exchanges between Chinese and EU business leaders.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao delivered a speech at the closing ceremony of the 5th China-European Union (EU) Business Summit in Nanjing Monday afternoon. European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso and Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt, whose country holds the EU’s rotating presidency, also attended the closing ceremony.

China and the European Union signed five cooperative documents after the 12th China-EU summit. The five agreements cover areas of technological cooperation, near-zero emission coal utilization project, energy-efficiency and quality on buildings, the sustainable development of China's trade and investment, and environmental management.

For the detailed information of this year’s summit please refer to the website http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2009-11/30/content_12562077.htm.

The EU-China Business Summit was organized by the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and the European Union Chamber of Commerce in China (EUCTC), together with BUSINESSEUROPE – the Confederation of European Business, Svenskt Näringsliv – the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise and Nanjing Municipal People’s Government, and with the support of the EU-China Business Association (EUCBA).

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China Information Security Certification has been withdrawn from CCC

On 29th October 2009, EU-China dialogue, WG Conformity Assessment meeting was jointly hosted by EC DG ENTERPRISE and CNCA. Invited by EC DG ENTERPRISE, the Head of EuropElectro participated the meeting as the industry representative.

During the meeting, a representative of the China Information Security Certification Centre (ISCCC) from the China delegation announced that according to CNCA decision, China compulsory information security Certification has been withdrawn from CCC as a market access condition. It will be a voluntary certification called ‘China Information Security Certification’.

Please be aware that this new certification is still one of the preconditions for ‘Government procurement’ and the multi-level protection scheme under the purview of MIIT (Ministry of Industry and Information Technology).

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China’s Revision to the Implementation Rule of the CCC for Household Appliances

On a meeting held by CNCA on 3rd November 2009, the revision draft of Implementation Rule of CCC for Household Appliances was ultimately reviewed and passed and it has been sent to authorities for approval. According to CNCA’s plan, it is most likely to be published in December 2009. It is a fundamental revision since this rule was first promulgated in 2003.

In the draft, some procedures are simplified and some additional test items are emphasized. Extensions and changes to CCC certified products require complicated procedures have been simplified.

The first highlight in the draft is the set-up of a manufacturer’s certification technical principal. The general requirements for these principals are given in the draft, and the detailed requirements will subsequently be published by certification bodies. According to the draft, the manufacturer must designate principal, who will be responsible for ratifying some critical component changes of certificated product and record them with the certification body.

Another highlight is the classification of critical components. In the draft, all critical components listed in the current valid edition implementation rule are classified as A and B. A-type components are designed for those that have important influence on safety and EMC, they should be strictly controlled, and any changes will have to be checked and tested by the certification body and the test institutes. B-type components are those which are not required to have assessments of their safety and EMC items. Changes can be controlled and approved by the manufacturer’s designated certification technical principal mentioned above.

The draft also emphasizes the requirements for the resistance to heat and fire of conformity test. The manufacturer is required to provide test reports once a year for those non-metallic external parts, insulating material supporting live parts including connections, and parts of thermoplastic material providing supplementary insulation or reinforced insulation, etc.

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Supplementary Requirements to nine Low Voltage Standards referenced in CCC

In accordance with CNCA Notices No. 51/2009 dated 1st December 2009, the updates of nine standards have been postponed to 12th December 2009.

According to the announcement, as of 31st December 2010, a CCC which fails to comply with the requirements in the new version of the standard will be suspended. As of 31st March 2011, a CCC which fails to comply with the requirements in the new version standard will be withdrawn.

The nine Low-Voltage standards are as follows,


- GB14048.2-2008 Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 2: Circuit-breakers;
- GB14048.3-2008 Low-voltage switchgear and controlgarel - Part 3:Switches disconnectors switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units;
- GB14048.5-2008 Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 5-1:Control circuit devices and switching element - Electromechanical control circuit devices;
- GB 14048.9-2008 Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear Multiple function equipment Section 2:Control and protective switching devices(or equipment)(CPS);
- GB 13539.3-2008 Low-voltage fuses - Part 3: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by unskilled persons(fuses mainly for household and similar applications) - Examples of standardized systems of fuses A to F,;
- GB17701-2008 Circuit-breaker for equipment has been officially implemented on 1st June 2009.


- GB/T 14048.10-2008 Low-voltage switchgear and control gear - Part 5-2: Control circuit devices and switching element - Proximity switches;
- GB/T 14048.11-2008 Low-voltage switchgear and control gear - Part 6-1: Multiple function equipment - Transfer switching equipment;
- GB/T 22387-2008 Residual current operated relay.

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Energy Efficiency

The 5th Product Catalogue for China Energy Labeling and its Implementation Rules officially Promulgated and Unofficial Translation of the Catalogue

As we reported on 17th November 2009, on 26th October 2009 NDRC, AQSIQ and CNCA, who are the regulators and also in charge of the administration of energy labeling in China, jointly approved the 5th Product Catalogue required to label energy efficiency information. They simultaneously published the implementation rules.

These rules were promulgated on 16th November 2009 on CELC’s official website http://test.energylabel.gov.cn/NewsDetail.aspx?ID=619.

The rules were formulated in light of the Administration Measures for China Energy Labels, and will enter into force on 1st March 2010. From then on, five types of products compulsorily will be required to label their energy information to the public and should register energy information at CELC based on the procedures outlined in the implementation rules. The 5th Product Catalogue includes AC contactors, Electric Cookers, Electric AC Fans, Air Compressors and Refrigerators. Among them, the implementation rule for refrigerators is a revision since it was first published in 2004 — the first product to label energy information.

EuropElectro distributed the unofficial translation of the Implementation Rule for Energy Labeling of AC Contactors to all members on 23rd November 2009. EuropElectro also organized the unofficial translation of the catalogue. For the translation please find attachment 1.

Till now, 19 types of product have been covered by the requirements from the Administration Measures for China Energy Labels to fulfill the obligations of labeling their energy information in China.

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China RoHS

MIIT officially issued six industry standards for supporting "Administrative Measure on the Control of Pollution Caused by Electronic Information Products"

On 26th November 2009 MIIT officially issued the following six industry standards for supporting Restriction of Hazardous Substances (China RoHS),

(Please recognize that the titles of the standards are unofficial translation.)

SJ/Z 11388-2009 “General rule for environmental protection use term of electronic information products”
SJ/T 11389-2009 “Lead-free flux for solder”
SJ/T 11390-2009 “Test method for lead-free solder”
SJ/T 11186-2009 “General specification for soldering pasts”
SJ/T 11391-2009 “Tin alloy powder used for the solder of the electronic products”
SJ/T 11392-2009 “Chemical composition and morphology of Lead-free solder”

As a technical guidance document SJ/Z 11388-2009 “General rule for environmental protection use term of electronic information products” is the supporting document for SJ/T 11364-2006 “Marking for control of pollution caused by electronic information products”.

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For the official Chinese news please refer to the MIIT website http://www.miit.gov.cn/n11293472/n11295091/n11299329/12812215.html.

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**IPR**

EuropElectro’s Position Paper on “Regulations of National Standards Relating to Patents” has been submitted to SAC

The “Regulations of National Standards Relating to Patents” has been published for public comment by SAC on 2nd November 2009. The deadline for the comments was 30th November 2009.

EuropElectro has already translated the draft version of this regulation into English and distributed it to all members on 5th November 2009.

After EuropElectro called for members’ comments we have formed our industry position paper on this regulation and submitted to SAC on 3rd December 2009. For the position paper in English please refer to attachment 2.

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**Low Voltage**

Event on the SAC/TC205 Annual Meeting in Beijing and Shanghai Successful

The SAC/TC205 annual meeting was held on 22nd October 2009 in Beijing. In order to promote the implementation of IEC standards in China the EuropElectro-LV-ED Initiative cooperated closely with China National TC on electrical installation of buildings (SAC/TC 205 -Mirror IEC/TC 64) and sent Mr. Sebastian Büschel from Siemens AG on behalf of EuropElectro to deliver speeches at the event in Beijing as well as in Shanghai.

The EuropElectro Low Voltage initiative sponsored the annual meeting and jointed with SAC/TC 205 to organize associated workshops in Beijing and Shanghai. The speeches offered an opportunity for experience-sharing on how to implement IEC/TC 64 standards in building engineering design. It is useful for China to learn how to use IEC/TC 64 standards in building electrical installation.

The workshop participants in Shanghai and Beijing are top experts in China building electrical installation area. They are mostly from important China design institutes.

The event was very successful. We received feedback and an official thank you letter from Mr. He Xiang Kun, General-Secretary of SAC/TC 205 who said that the meeting participants were impressed by the EuropElectro speeches and found the information very helpful. They look forward to further co-operation.

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Service

WTO Notifications from China (electrical/electronics-related)  
(21st October 2009 – 24th November 2009)

G/TBT/N/CHN/712  (19/11/2009)  
Newly manufactured instrument transformers

G/TBT/N/CHN/686/Suppl.1  (16/11/2009)  
Motor vehicle lamps - Availability of Translations - Note by the Secretariat - Supplement

Should you be interested in one of the National Standards (Chinese version), please contact  
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Announcement of newly approved national standards of PR China No. 10-13 of 2009

Chinese version:

English version:

Abbreviations

SAC Standardization Administration of China
CNIS China National Institute of Standardization
CAS China Association of Standardization
SPC Standards Press of China
AQSIQ General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine
CNCA Certification and Accreditation Administration of the People’s Republic of China
ANSI American National Standards Institute
CQC China Quality Certification Centre
NPC The National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China
CELC China Energy Label Management Centre
MoF Ministry of Finance People’s Republic of China
NDRC National Development and Reform Commission

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