

EFEE letter to national members

We wish to keep you informed that EFEE has formed its EU Directives committee. This decision has been taken by EFEE because presently there are introduced many new directives and regulations related to using of explosives which are affecting our daily life of blasters and end-users.

EU has introduced so called Action Plan on Enhancing the Security. The objective of this Action Plan is to combat the use explosive devices by terrorists within EU. One of the key undertaken measures was setting up an Explosives Security Experts Task Force (ESETF) composed from private and public sector representatives with a goal to prepare recommendations for actions in explosive security field. As a result of that occurred EU Commission directive 2008/43/EC Labeling and Traceability Directive to control the explosive for civil use which has to be implemented.

There are prepared some new projects e.g. Transport of explosives and intercommunity transfers of explosives SCEPYLT, Pan European Information System of Explosives Control to Prevent Fight against Terrorism. This system is operational and is used for exchange of information on intercommunity transfers of explosives between Italy, Germany and Spain. Project to open the system to other Member states has been awarded with grant of EU Commission in April 2008 and is planned to include into this system by 2012 all intercommunity transfers of explosives.

The role and the goals of newly formed EU Directives Committee are:

- Active cooperation with EU Commission working group and ESETF
- Gaining the information (in time and from first hand) related to Action Plan on Enhancing the Security of Explosives
- Transfer the response from EFEE members to EU working group how the new directives and regulations operate
- Submit the initiatives, ideas and goals to EU working group and ESETF
- Analyze influence of newly adopted directives and the action plan on enhancing the security of explosives on work of blasters

We kindly apply to you as a national member to provide us with your skills, comments resp. problems you are facing in relation with implementation of new directives and regulations or with initiatives and ideas you consider for important to submit in EU working group. We hope that you understand that without these responses from your side we can hardly complete the role and goals of EU Directive Committee form by EFEE to assist you.

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