

- Approval of guidance on normative references in hENs

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BT,

- noting
 - that issues with normative references (e.g. undated, withdrawn) in harmonized standards are a common reason leading to lack of compliance HAS assessment or rejection of standards for citation in the OJEU (see Annex 1);
 - the guidance document on normative references prepared by CEN-CLC/BTWG 12 'Harmonized standards and the European Regulatory framework' (BTWG 12) to provide guidance to Technical Bodies on the use of normative references in harmonized standards to meet the European Commission criteria for OJEU citation;
 - that the BT ballot to approve the guidance document closed on 2022-04-26 (see BT N 12983 and BT172/DG12638/DV) and SNV voted 'Deferring decision' because the term 'active' normative reference required clarification.
 - that BTWG 12 revised the guidance document to address the comments from SNV (see Annex 2).
- approved the guidance document on the use of normative references in harmonized standards as presented in Annex 2.
- requested CEN and CENELEC Technical Bodies to apply the guidance document when drafting harmonized standards;
- asked CCMC to
 - make available the guidance document on normative references in harmonized standards on the dedicated CEN and CENELEC BOSS pages on drafting candidate harmonized standards in support of EU legislation;
 - consider the elements of the guidance document on normative elements when organising horizontal and sectoral training on harmonized standards to CEN and CENELEC Technical Bodies.

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