

**Decisions taken at the 40th CEN/TC 33 meeting  
Brussels 26, 27 April 2017**

**CEN/TC 33 Decision 1178 (Brussels – 07/2017) – Access to harmonized standards**

CEN/TC 33 chairman and secretary will prepare a text to express the disappointment of the stakeholders because of the cost of the harmonized standards. Due to the time and money already spent to produce them, members of CEN/TC 33 think a free access should be possible for European manufacturers. In addition, due to the general exchanges with the EC, members of CEN/TC 33 note that these standards are now part of European legislative corpus.

This text will be circulated for approving by correspondence before being distributed and communicated to the relevant parties.

The decision was taken by simple majority with 11 positive votes, 0 negative vote and 1 abstention of United-Kingdom.