

PROPOSED AGENDA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

1 June 2021, 14:30-15:30 - Virtual Meeting

Speakers:

- ▶ Mr Massimo CARBONIERO, Managing Director (OMERA), UCIMU Delegate, Chairman of the Technical Committee
- ▶ Mr Michael MERKLE, President & CEO (Agathon AG), SWISSMEM Delegate
- ▶ Mr Martin KAPP, Managing Director and Partner (KAPP Werkzeugmaschinen GmbH), VDW Delegate

Moderated by:

- ▶ Mr Frederic MELCHIOR, Director Technical Regulation (CECIMO)

1 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting of 10 December 2020 (virtual meeting)

2 Topic: CE-marking of machine tools, business as usual or drastic change of regime? What does the European Commission have in store?

The Machinery Directive (2006/42/EC) is the core piece of European legislation for the mechanical engineering industry. On 21 April 2021, the European Commission adopted a new legislative proposal, the draft Machinery Regulation, which will introduce some changes to the current state of affairs, both positive and negative. Once agreed, this new regulation will set the scene for how machines (including machine tools) should be placed on the market (CE-marking) for the coming years.

Identified Threats

- ▶ needing to modify the internal manufacturing process due to new and/or amended essential health and safety requirements
- ▶ having to go through a more stringent conformity assessment (third party certification) for certain types of machines considered to be high-risk, which was not the case in the past

Therefore, the Technical Committee meeting will focus on three already identified major threats and explore what could be done to eliminate them or to reduce their impact on machine tools manufacturers to a minimum. These are:

- ▶ the revision of Annex IV (high-risk machines) and related issues (for example the cost and the duration of the third-party certificates)
- ▶ harmonised standards vs implementing acts
- ▶ the introduction of a definition for substantial modification and related risks (in some cases, potentially requiring a new CE-marking)

3 Other Topics