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AMENDMENT TO :

HORIZONTAL COMPLEMENT TO THE MANDATES
TO CEN/CENELEC

CONCERNING THE EXECUTION OF STANDARDISATION WORK FOR

**THE EVALUATION OF CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS IN RESPECT OF
THEIR REACTION TO FIRE**

(dated 7 July 1994)

A. DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC MANDATES

I. FOREWORD

This amendment does not alter the “Foreword” of the original mandate.

II. GROUNDS

This amendment modifies the original mandate in respect of the “Room Corner” (RC) test.

The RC test is now considered to be within the scope of the original mandate.

III. STANDARDISATION MANDATE

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The RC test is now considered to be within the scope of the original mandate.

CEN/ CENELEC are requested to standardise the large scale Room Corner test (ISO 9705) used as a reference test within the European classification system for the reaction to fire performance of construction products.

The European standard shall be prepared according to the test procedure used to identify the “Euroclasses” for reaction to fire, as reported to the Commission by the EC Official Laboratories Group. Specifically, the ignition source and the sample mounting shall conform to the standard ignition source and the standard specimen configuration used during the SBI development project and identified in ISO 9705.

As regards the test procedure, parameters to be measured and aspects related to classification, CEN/ CENELEC must take account of any future decisions of the EC Group of National Fire Regulators (FRG).

The European standard shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the original mandate.

IV. EXECUTION OF THE MANDATE

This amendment does not alter the “Execution of the mandate” part of the original mandate, although its provisions shall now be applied to the RC test as well as to the other test methods.

CEN/ CENELEC shall present the Commission with a detailed proposal for the work programme, at the latest three months after approval of this mandate by the 98/34 Committee.