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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 RESISTANCE TO FIRE**

(approved by the SCC as document Construct 96/207 Rev.2)

The above mentioned mandate is hereby amended as follows :

1. AMENDMENT TO ANNEX 1

The following products are added under the sub-heading "*Products and systems for protecting elements or parts of the works*" :

"Wall and ceiling coverings"

2. AMENDMENT TO ANNEX 2

2.1 Section II.J

In the first paragraph of section II.J, the sentence which now reads "*Products and elements where the external surface or surfaces of the chimney are within a building must satisfy an insulation requirement, defined as being a maximum temperature rise not exceeding 140°C at any point on the surface.*" is replaced by the following :

"Products and elements where the external surface or surfaces of the chimney are within or adjacent to a building must satisfy an insulation requirement defined as being a maximum temperature of adjacent materials not exceeding 100°C when related to an ambient temperature of 20°C.

Any distance to combustible material necessary to achieve this requirement shall be declared. This value shall not exceed the distance required to satisfy the criteria for normal operating conditions.

The G classification will be followed by the designation of the necessary distance.”

2.2 Section II.K

The following text is added to section II.K :

“The use of the X¹ classification for the fire protection ability of wall and ceiling coverings is explained in section IV of this annex.”

2.3 Section III.10

The following text is added to section III.10 :

“The use of the X classification for the fire protection ability of wall and ceiling coverings is explained in section IV of this annex.”

2.4 Section IV.C

The following text is added to section IV.C :

“Classification of wall and ceiling coverings (for fire protection ability)

Wall and ceiling coverings may be required to provide protection to combustible materials and cavities behind the visible surface.

- Exposure/action : “standard temperature/time” curve.*
- Performance criteria : shall be appropriate to the determination of the fire protection ability of the covering ².*
- Classification : X, indicating that the performance criteria have been passed.”*

3. OTHER

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.

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

¹ CEN are requested to determine an appropriate symbol for this classification.

² CEN are requested to standardise the Nordtest method NT FIRE 003 “Coverings : Fire protection ability” and to take account of existing regulations in Europe in elaborating the test conditions and performance criteria for this classification.