

Minutes

GRRF IG R 55 Task Force Agricultural
Couplings (TFAC)
3rd Meeting
2013-09-25/26
Bologna

Participants: see **TFAC 03-12**

Agreed dates:

4th meeting 2014-01-22/23, Bologna

Agreed activities:

	Date	Responsible
Common proposal based on TFAC 03-05	2014-01-08	Afflerbach, Conrads, Duffy, Inverardi, Stokreef
Review 6.1 of TFAC 03-10	2014-01-08	Wetphäling
Add requirement for the mounting height of couplings on tractors to chapter 5 (already done, see TFAC 03-14)	2014-01-08	Schauer
Review TFAC 03-13 for discussion and decision at the next meeting	2014-01-22	All
Review present R 55.01 and the proposals for amendment	2014-01-22	All

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Roll call of the participants
3. Continuation of the Review of the Document
 - 3.1 Proposal for Class q and r (CUNA Couplings)
 - 3.2 Proposal for Class l
 - 3.3 Proposal to transfer Class j to Class a and Class k to Class b
 - 3.4 Proposal for the definition of tractor drawbars and their hitch rings in an own Class
 - 3.5 Comparison of proposals Va and V
 - 3.6 Vehicle approval according to Chapter 5 possible?
 - 3.7 IT-Proposals for Annex 4
 - 3.8 Proposal for Chapter 6 of Annex 5
 - 3.9 Annex 6, Chapter 3.6.2 proposals for amendment necessary?
 - 3.10 arguments to keep current EU legislation (static test)
4. Further steps
5. Any other business

1. Opening

Mr Schauer welcomed the participants and thanked Mr Rehm and John Deere for the invitation and the hosting of the meeting. He opened the meeting at 11:00 hrs.

2. Roll call of the participants

The participants introduced themselves (see also Document TFAC 03-12).

3. Continuation of the Review of the Document

3.1 Proposal for Class q and r (CUNA Couplings) (Doc. TFAC 03-04)

The slightly modified proposal was accepted. Modifications are indicated in red in document TFAC 03-04 Rev 1. The allocation tractor coupling/trailer coupling should be inserted in Annex 2.

There is a common agreement to reduce the number of different coupling devices at a later stage.

3.2 Proposal for Class I (Doc. TFAC 03-08 and TFAC 03-07)

The slightly modified proposal was accepted. Modifications are indicated in red in document TFAC 03-08 Rev 1.

3.3 Proposal to transfer Class j to Class a and Class k to Class b (Doc. TFAC 03-10)

The proposal was accepted.

3.4 Proposal for the definition of tractor drawbars and their hitch rings in an own Class (Doc. TFAC 03-08 and TFAC 03-07)

See 3.2.

3.5 Comparison of proposals Va and V (Doc. TFAC 02-08 and TFAC 03-06)

The majority of the participants are in favor to keep the current formulas for D and D_c values.

It was agreed to establish a small group (Mr. Inverardi, Mr. Afflerbach, Mr. Conrads, Mr. Duffy and Mr. Stokreff) to make a common proposal based on document TFAC 03-06 for the next meeting.

3.6 Vehicle approval according to Chapter 5 possible?

A vehicle approval for category T vehicle is possible. As R and S categories are not yet defined in R.E.3, vehicle approvals are currently not possible. As soon as those definitions are adopted, the scope of R 55 shall be extended accordingly. Mr Schauer will add the

requirement for the mounting height of couplings on tractors to chapter 5 (already done, see TFAC 03-14).

3.7 IT-Proposals for Annex 4 (Doc. TFAC 03-05)

The slightly modified proposal was accepted. Modifications are indicated in red in document TFAC 03-05 Rev 1.

3.8 Proposal for Chapter 6 of Annex 5 (Doc. TFAC 03-10)

The slightly modified proposal was accepted. Modifications are indicated in red in document TFAC 03-10 Rev 1. Mr Westphåling will review 6.1 and will make a proposal for the next meeting.

3.9 Annex 6, Chapter 3.6.2 proposals for amendment necessary?

This topic will be addressed in the small group (see 3.5).

3.10 arguments to keep current EU legislation (static test) (Doc. TFAC 03-03)

The group could not reach a consensus on this topic. It was voted on the following four options:

1. Static test optional only for Classes i and q and a maximum speed not exceeding 40 km/h: 1 in favor.
2. No inclusion of the static test but allow to grant approvals based on static tests in a transitional period up to 01.01.20XY (tbd): 2 in favor.
3. Static test optional for all Classes and a maximum speed not exceeding 40 km/h: 10 in favor.
4. Static test optional only for "simple constructions" but without speed limit: 5 in favor.

It was agreed to report this result in GRRF and leave the decision up to GRRF.

4. Further steps

The activities mentioned on the top of the minutes were agreed.

The participants are asked to review present R 55.01 and the proposals for amendment from IG R 55.

5. Any other business

5.1 Swedish proposal (TFAC 03-13)

Mr Gunneriusson explained the proposal and the background. It was agreed that the participants shall review TFAC 03-13 for discussion and decision at the next meeting.

5.2 Next meeting

The date of the 4th (2014-01-22/23, Bologna) meeting was agreed.

At the end of the meeting, Mr Schauer thanked Mr Rehm again for hosting the meeting and providing meeting location for the 3rd meeting of TFAC.

Mr Schauer closed the meeting at approx. 13:00 hrs.