

Minutes

GRRF IG R 55 Task Force Agricultural
Couplings (TFAC)
4th Meeting
2014-02-05/06
Bologna

Participants: see **TFAC 04-06**

Agreed dates:

5th meeting Not yet determined

Agreed activities:

	Date	Responsible
Submit Comments on TFAC 04-09 to Mr Schauer	asap	All
Static vs. dynamic testing: Prepare document with arguments for both options	asap	Pagliarani, Comments by all
Prepare complete document with agreed changes on the basis on R 55	End of April	Schauer
Comments on the a. m. document	4 weeks after distribution	All

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Roll call of the participants
3. Continuation of the Discussion
 - 3.1 Review common proposal based on TFAC 03-06 from the small group
 - 3.2 6.1 of TFAC 03-10 on the basis of the Proposal from Mr. Westphäling
 - 3.3 Review requirement for the mounting height of couplings on tractors to chapter 5 on the basis of the proposal from, Mr. Schauer
 - 3.4 Discussion and decision on TFAC 03-13
 - 3.5 Review of present R 55.01 and the proposals for amendment and conclusions for these amendments
4. Further steps
5. Any other business
 - 5.1 Next meeting
 - 5.2 Italian Proposal for Annex 5 (TFAC 04-09)
 - 5.3 Discussion static versus dynamic testing

1. Opening

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

As Mr Schauer and Mr Pagliarani have to join a WGAT meeting in Brussels on 6 February 2014, Mr Rehm agreed to chair the meeting the following day.

2. Roll call of the participants

The participants introduced themselves (see also Document TFAC 04-06).

3. Continuation of the Review of the Document

3.1 Review common proposal based on TFAC 03-06 from the small group (Doc. TFAC 04-04 and TFAC 03-06)

The small group held its first meeting on 18 December 2013 (minutes see TFAC 04-04). There are still some open issues which will be discussed and solved during a second meeting on 6 March 2014.

3.2 6.1 of TFAC 03-10 on the basis of the Proposal from Mr. Westphäling (Doc. TFAC 03-10 Rev 1)

The group does not see any need for an amendment. The text therefore remains unchanged.

3.3 Review requirement for the mounting height of couplings on tractors to chapter 5 (Doc. TFAC 03-14)

The proposal was accepted.

3.4 Discussion and decision on TFAC 03-13

Mr Duffy explained TFAC 04-07 with regard to the Sewdish proposals (TFAC 03-13). It was decided to continue the discussion in the IWG R 55.

3.5 Review of present R 55.01 including Corr. 1 and Amend. 1 – 3 and the proposals for amendment and conclusions for these amendments (ECE-TRANS-WP29-GRRF-2013-16e, GRRF-75-21e and ECE-TRANS-WP29-GRRF-2014-14e)

The following results of TFAC are presently achieved:

TFAC 02-13 (Basic document)

TFAC 03-04 Rev. 1 (CUNA-Couplings, Class q and r)

TFAC 03-08 Rev. 1 (Drawbar, Class i)

TFAC 03-10 Rev. 1 (Class j to become a, Class k to become b, Towing brackets)

TFAC 03-14 (Mounting height of coupling on the tractor)

Still open and further need for discussion concerns:TFAC 03-13 (Swedish proposals)

TFAC 04-09 (Italian Proposal for Annex 5)

TFAC 04-04 and TFAC ... (Results of the small group)

Mr Schauer is asked to prepare a complete document with the agreed changes on the basis on R 55 until End of April (to become TFAC 04-11). Members of TFAC are invited to submit their comments four weeks after submission of that document.

It was agreed to present the results of TFAC to the IWG R 55 in the next meeting to be held in Poznan beginning of June by Mr Schauer and Mr Pagliarani.

4. Further steps

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

5. Any other business

5.1 Next meeting

The date of the 5th meeting was not yet determined.

5.2 Italian Proposal for Annex 5 (TFAC 04-09)

Mr Pagliarani explained the background and the Italian proposal on Annex 5. It was agreed to upload the document to the TFAC website and to ask for comments on it by the members of TFAC.

For information, the comments of Italy on the draft EU-Regulation RVFSR are given in TFAC 04-10.

5.3 Discussion static versus dynamic testing

With a presentation (TFAC 04-08) Mr Westphäling explained the reasons why according to his opinion a static testing of coupling devices should not be permitted.

Mr Rehm and Mr Pagliarani expressed the opinion that a static testing should be permitted for the "CUNA-Couplings" and the drawbar up to 40 km/h max. speed as these devices are tested statically for decades in Europe and no failures or accidents are known so far.

Mr Gunneriusson supported the opinion of Mr Westphäling.

After a detailed discussion, the majority of the participant could accept the position of Mr Rehm and Mr Pagliarani. It was decided that the IWG R 55 should discuss this topic during one of their next meetings.

At the end of the meeting, Mr Rehm thanked Mr Pagliarani again for hosting the meeting and providing meeting location for the 4th meeting of TFAC. Mr Rehm closed the meeting at approx. 13:00 hrs.