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Standardization of Exchange Format in Marine and Transport Insurance

Brief description

AFNOR submitted in October 2011 a proposal to the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) for the creation of a new CEN Project Committee on “Exchange format in marine and transport insurance” (PC418).
Voting results from the first ballot were presented in February 2012 with a total of 26 votes cast (14 agreeing, 3 disagreeing and 14 abstaining votes).
Based on comments from the first meeting of the CEN/PC418 Project Committee on 20 June, a new draft title and scope was announced for ballot from end June until end August 2012. The modified title and scope points out the administrative purpose of the project, which is limited to a Technical Specification (not Standard), that will not have an impact on competition in markets. The voting results were presented 12 October with a total of 12 votes cast (3 agreeing, 1 disagreeing and 8 abstaining votes). The results were communicated to CEN BT for approval mid-October.
The proposal to approve and register the work item for CEN/TC 418 was open for vote between 5 December 2012 and 15 January 2013, but did not get the required 71% votes for registration as a new work item.
In order to accommodate the comments expressed, the CEN PC 418 Secretary and Chairman proposed a new title and scope in May 2013. The new work item was open for vote until 15 June 2013.
Relevant authority / organisations and documents

- **CEN – The European Committee for Standardisation** (CEN/TC 418 – Project Committee – Exchange format in marine and transport insurance)

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– bring together marine insurance practitioners to facilitate the exchange of technical information and best practice, and
– provide information on positions taken by IUMI.

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