

The ADCO Task Force Agricultural Machinery

Objective

Objective of the ADCO Task Force Agricultural Machinery was to find common OSH positions on standards dealing with safety aspects of agricultural machinery and to bring these positions into European and international standardization committees.

What has been achieved up to now?

The ADCO Task Force Agricultural Machinery was founded in 2009. Participants were representatives of Market Surveillance Authorities, from Italy, Great Britain, Ireland, Switzerland, France, The Netherlands, Finland and Germany as well as ETUI, SVLFG and KAN. Seven meetings took place between 2010 and 2012 where different position papers for ADCO were drafted.

A representative of the ADCO Task Force was accepted by CEN and ISO to bring ADCOs position in the standardization committees. The expert attended two meetings and as a first step presented the view of ADCO on EN ISO 4254-1 "Agricultural Machinery - Safety - Part 1: General Requirements".

The main result achieved up to now:

The work in the ADCO Task Force Agricultural Machinery created a European Expert panel, intensified the cooperation between the member states and raised the attention for the issue of safer agricultural machinery.

How to go on in the future?

Some aspects to be discussed:

- Does cooperation outside of the ADCO Task Force function?
- What about creating mailing lists to inform European experts in the field of Agricultural Machinery on what's going on in the different member states?
- What about annual meetings to keep in touch?
- Could the work of the Task Force be intensified to become more effective?
- What is the position of the Member States to be done next?