



Connecting national SME associations in Europe

In PPE and Textile Care

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Rationale for a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- Representation and participation of SMEs in the PPE and textile care sector in Europe in standardisation-related activities is insufficient
- Absence of a European association representing the interests of SMEs in PPE and textile care
- Voice of SMEs in this sector remained unheard before SBS started to engage in this sector

Why now?

- The sector is facing major changes due to the new European legislative framework, and consequently with regard to standardisation in support of this new legislation.
- Regulation 2016/425 (PPE)
- Regulation 2017/745 (Medical Devices)

Participating SME organisations

- Asociace prádeln a čistíren ČR, z.s. (Czech Republic)
- Deutscher Textilreinigungsverband e.V. (Germany)
- Federatie van de Belgische Textielverzorging (Belgium)
- SME Safety a.i.s.b.l. (Europe)
- Sveriges Tvätteriförbund (Sweden)
- Textile Services Association (UK)



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Aims of the MoU

- spread information about ongoing legislation and standardisation in the field of PPE and Textile Care to associations that are not active themselves in these areas
- Share and spread the technical information about ongoing standardisation activities with the SME community
- Stimulate feedback and gather SME input by their SME members
- Elaborate consensus-based positions on SME issues relevant to sectoral legislation and standardization
- Inform members about newly published legislations and standards
- Engage in communication with legislators and standardisation bodies as well as Notified Bodies



Looking forward to working together-
thanks for the attention!

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