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PRESS RELEASECommission to organize conference on Electro-technology standards.

As the customs union is progressively established, it becomes increasingly apparent that the great variety of industrial standards applied in the different Member States poses serious problems for the working of the Common Market, and particularly for the free movement of goods.

As the effects of prescribed standards are particularly important in electro-technology, the Commission has decided to organize a study conference on the imposition of standards in this sector, to be held from 27 to 30 June 1966.

In preparation for the conference, the Commission has invited a number of eminent experts to draft reports on the organization of the institutes and committees that deal with the setting of standards; ways of elaborating standards; the organization and activities of institutes qualified to issue marks guaranteeing conformity with the prescribed standards; the role of standards in the protection of users and third parties; the influence of prescribed standards on industrial production, and on trade and consumption; the scope of national standards; obstacles to intra-Community trade arising from disparities between national standards, and the harmonization of standards at the international level.

At the conference, the reports will be discussed by experts from the relevant government departments, the public sector, the private sector, bodies competent to prescribe standards, trade unions, professional organizations, and university staff.

The Commission will arrange for the acts of the conference to be published. Its conclusions will give a new impetus to the work that has already begun at Community level to harmonize technical standards.

LIST OF RAPPORTEURS

M. J. Delooz

Assistant Director of Studies and Research at the French Electricity Authority - report on "The influence of prescribed standards on the machinery for distribution and consumption".

Prof. R. Lukes

Director of the Institute of Legal Studies of the University of Minster - report on "The legal and institutional aspects of the elaboration of electrotechnical standards in the countries of the Common Market, and the scope of national standards".

M. L.R. Michoudet

Director of Technical Services of the General Federation of Electrical manufacturers - report on "The influence of prescribed standards on industrial production".

Prof. L. Morren

Professor at the University of Louvain and Director of the Central Electricity Laboratory of the Belgian Electrotechnical Committee - report on "Inspections and marks to show conformity with standards".

Prof. F. Paces

Professor of Industrial Technology at the University of Turin, Director of the School of Industrial Management, and Director of the Centre for Research on Enterprises and Development - report on "Obstacles to trade arising from disparities between national standards".

M. G. Palandri

Chairman of the Italian Electrotechnical Committee - report on "The harmonization of standards at the international level".

Prof. Schoenfeld

Chairman of the German Electrotechnical Committee - report on "The technical aspects of the elaboration of electrotechnical standards in the Common Market countries".

M. A. Stegenga

Advisor for Electro-technology to the Directorate of Labour of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Public Health - report on "The role of standards in the protection of users and third parties".

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