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To the Members of CEN/TC 250 Structural Eurocodes

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Subject: CEN enquiry ballots launched in September 2021

Dear Colleagues

The following CEN enquiry ballots were launched by CCMC on 2 September 2021 and close on 23 December 2021:

- **prEN 1990** *Eurocode - Basis of structural and geotechnical design (package 2a)*
- **prEN 1991-1-2** *Eurocode - Basis of structural and geotechnical design*
- **prEN 1991-2** *Eurocode 1 - Actions on structures - Part 2: Traffic loads on bridges and other civil engineering works*
- **prEN 1992-1-1** *Eurocode 2: Design of concrete structures - Part 1-1: General rules - Rules for buildings, bridges and civil engineering structures*
- **prEN 1992-1-2** *Eurocode 2: Design of concrete structures - Part 1-2: General rules - Structural fire design*
- **prEN 1996-3** *Eurocode 6 - Design of Masonry structures - Part 3: Simplified calculation methods for unreinforced masonry structures*

A copy of the Chairman's briefing note CBN 2020-2 Commenting during CEN Enquiry ballots (CEN/TC 250 N 2558) is attached for your reference. Specific attention is drawn to the need to:

- Use the [CEN Commenting Form](#) template;
- Comments should always be accompanied with a proposed change and a clear explanation of why the change is proposed. Evidence of benefits should be provided wherever possible;
- Comments should not be made on aspects of drafting style where the approach set out in policy document [N1250](#) Version 10.1 has been followed.
- Fill in the two-letter country code.

Commenting protocol on prEN 1990 (package 2a)

During the CEN/TC 250 meeting in November 2020, members unanimously approved the preparation of the next version of EN 1990 *Eurocode — Basis of structural and geotechnical design* into three packages but published in two steps, see decision 32/2020 (CEN/TC 250 [N 2629](#) and CEN/TC 250 [N 2661](#)):

- **Package 1** containing the main part of EN 1990 (clauses 1 – 8) and Annexes A.1 (general application and application for buildings), B (technical management measures for design and execution), C (reliability analysis and code calibration), D (design assisted by testing),E

(additional guidance for enhancing the robustness of buildings and bridges) and F (rain-flow and reservoir counting methods for the determination of stress ranges due to high-cycle fatigue).

- [Package 2a](#) containing the Annexes A.2 (application for bridges), G (basis of design for bearings) and H (verifications concerning vibration of footbridges due to pedestrian traffic).
- [Package 2b](#) containing the Annexes A.3 (application for towers, masts and chimneys), A.4 (application for silos and tanks), A.5 (application for structures supporting cranes), A.6 (application for coastal structures)

The CEN enquiry ballot for prEN 1990 (package 1) was launched on 3 September 2020, closed on 24 December 2020, and approved, refer to CEN/TC 250 N 2695. CEN/TC 250/SC 10 is presently resolving approximately 1280 comments.

Members are invited to submit comments on the 2nd enquiry of prEN 1990 (package 2a):

- Annex A.2 application for bridges
- Annex G basis of design for bearings
- Annex H verifications concerning vibration of footbridges due to pedestrian traffic

In line with CEN rules, the 2nd enquiry prEN 1990 includes package 1, on which further comments are discouraged as unanimously agreed through CEN/TC 250 decision 32/2020 (CEN/TC 250 [N 2661](#)).

Yours sincerely

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Introduction

The CEN/TC 250 work programme has now reached the stage that documents are proceeding to formal CEN Enquiry. CEN Enquiries follow defined processes that will be applied strictly by CEN/TC 250.

Discussions at CEN/TC 250 meetings have highlighted that NSBs have different policies on their approach to responding to CEN Enquiries, in particular in respect of the responses to the standard questions that are used for all CEN Enquiries.

As noted in previous Chairman’s Briefing Notes, CEN/TC 250 is committed to openness and transparency throughout the execution of Mandate M/515 and the development of the second generation of EN Eurocodes. CEN members have therefore been given the opportunity to comment on draft deliverables at several milestones as they have been developed. Agreed commenting guidelines for deliverables produced under Mandate M/515 prior to formal CEN Enquiry are presented in CBN 2019/1 (see [CEN/TC 250 N 2257](#)).

This briefing note summarises guidelines for commenting during formal CEN Enquiry. These guidelines are not intended to restrict NSBs from commenting in line with CEN rules. Their purpose is to streamline the commenting process and to encourage approaches that provide the greatest likelihood of exemplary levels of international consensus being achieved.

CEN Enquiry Questions

Formal CEN Enquiries use standard questions, as follows:

1. Do you approve this draft as a European Standard?
2. Do you agree with the proposed implementation periods?
3. Do you have any comments?
4. National legislative/administrative deviations?

CEN/TC 250 members have asked about the purpose of Question (1) at CEN Enquiry, since it is expected that the Eurocodes will be subject to some change prior to Formal Vote in response to Enquiry comments.

It is understood that Question (1) serves an important purpose in special cases where, according to CEN procedures, Formal Vote may be skipped. However, for the Eurocodes it is expected that Formal Votes will be needed and appropriate, and therefore the response to Question (1) will not affect the manner in which work will proceed after CEN Enquiries.

Commenting guidelines

In responding to formal CEN Enquiries, NSBs are encouraged to follow the spirit of the guidelines for commenting on Mandate M/515 deliverables prior to CEN Enquiry contained in CBN 2019/1 (see [CEN/TC 250 N 2257](#)).

The attention of NSBs is drawn to [CEN/TC 250 N 2380](#) which contains a summary of references to the comments resolution responses to Eurocode systematic reviews. NSBs should be mindful of the outcomes of the systematic reviews and are discouraged from resubmitting comments that were not accepted previously unless accompanied by significant new information.

NSBs are asked to adopt the following guidelines:

- The CEN Commenting Form template; shall be used;
- Comments should always be accompanied with a proposed change and a clear explanation of why the change is proposed. Evidence of benefits should be provided wherever possible;
- Comments should not be made on aspects of drafting style where the agreed approach set out in N1250 has been followed.

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CEN BOSS basic rules for using the CEN commenting form template apply as follows:

- Do not modify the template, i.e. do not delete or add any columns. Moreover, do not change the width of the columns (automated compiling tools run on the basic template).
- Do not recreate the template using your own styles. Use only the original template made available by CCMC.
- Each comment shall be entered in a separate row, i.e. additional rows must be added manually, if required.
- Do not enter any characters (including empty spaces) in Column 8, Secretariat Observations.
- Do not include tables within the confines of the template.
- Do not merge cells.
- Do not add text outside the confines of the table.
- Fill in the two-letter country code for the country represented by the member body (MB) according to
- ISO 3166. The two-letter country code must be entered in each row, i.e. for each individual comment.

Action required from NSBs

NSBs are requested to share this paper with mirror committees and others involved in commenting at formal CEN Enquiry. NSBs are requested to ensure that comments submitted align with the guidelines contained in this briefing note and mindful of the outcomes of the systematic reviews.