

ERMCO NEWS

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REGULATION 561/2006 ON DRIVING TIMES AND REST PERIOD

On December 11st the European Parliament, together with the EU Council and the Commission (TRILOGUE), after a night of discussion reached a provisional agreement on the Mobility Package. During the last 2 years ERMCO followed the mobility package and proposed an amendment to transport ready mixed concrete after 4,5 hrs, so avoiding the 45 minutes' break (REG art. 13 p. q). The ERMCO amendment for transport of ready mixed concrete which is part of the agreement has been approved during the penultimate meeting of the Trialogue.

The Plenary of the European Parliament and the Council have to adopt the agreed text before it goes for publication on the Official Journal of the European Union. Votes in the Parliament and in the Council are expected probably on February 2020. If both votes will be positive and without any objection the text will be published in April 2020 and will enter into force 18 months later.

The main steps of the Regulation are listed on the official page of Euro Lex at the following [LINK](#). ERMCO will continue to look for a positive result.

ECHA – POISON CENTRES: CLP, ANNEX VIII

After the approval of 1-year postponement, the industries are continuing to dialogue with the Commission, asking for a second amendment to Annex VIII of the Regulation on CLP – labelling and packaging. Following the requests of clarification by the Commission, ERMCO, sent on December a list of explanatory answers and the request of 2 standard formulas (2 UFIs), one for normal strength and one for high strength concrete.. The document uploaded on CIRCA-bc page is available to everyone. For the January 15, 2019 CARACAL workshop/meeting in Brussels the Commission will prepare a discussion paper based on the answers received and on some pending questions.

NEPSI

On December 10th, the NEPSI Council meeting took place in Brussels. For the period December 2019 – December 2023 as chair and vice chair have been designated S. Lefebvre and I. Barthes from the employees side and F. Lumen (IMA-Europe) and C. Schimansky (CAEF - foundry) from the employers side.



ERMCO is a NEPSI Voluntary Signatory since 2018. In 2018 the NEPSI Council agreed on a 5-year roadmap to support the implementation of the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive (CMD). The roadmap was launched in February 2019 with a 2-years project funded by the Commission. By this EC Grant, the NEPSI Good Practice Guide will be updated, the NEPSI Reporting system software

renewed and a protocol for a standardised respirable crystalline silica measurement methodology is going to be developed. Also guidance documents and tools for SMEs (incl. micro enterprises), training programme for the new workers will be developed. The various new materials will be translated into all EU languages and a presentation conference will be held. The NEPSI Respirable Crystalline Silica protocol developed by the Institute for Risk Assessment Sciences- Universiteit Utrecht (IRAS) will be a common methodology to sample and measure respirable crystalline silica dust in all NEPSI industry sectors. The protocol will be very flexible to allow sectors to adapt it to their needs

The 2020 reporting of KPIs will start on 15 January 2020 using the new IT system. Companies have the opportunity to report on KPIs via their ERMCO members.



EUPAVE: EU EVENT – TECHNICAL&PROMOTION COMMITTEE and BOARD MEETINGS



The EUPAVE's Debate on "Sustainable roads towards 2050 carbon neutrality" took place at the European Parliament on December 11th to exchange and discuss the challenges regarding the sustainability of road infrastructure. During this event the following presentations were given: *"Building carbon neutrality in Europe"* (K. Coppenholle, Chief Executive Cembureau); *"Trends towards sustainability for road construction in Europe"* (N. Miravalls, Chairman of EUPAVE's WG on Environmental Strategy); *"Showcase on Road Carbon impact variations"* (M. Ech, Head of Innovation for Mining and Roads business, LafargeHolcim); *"Industrial Policy and Sustainable Built Environment Strategy in the context of the Green Deal"* (I. Urruti, Deputy Head of Unit C1 -Clean Technologies and Products DG GROW, European Commission).

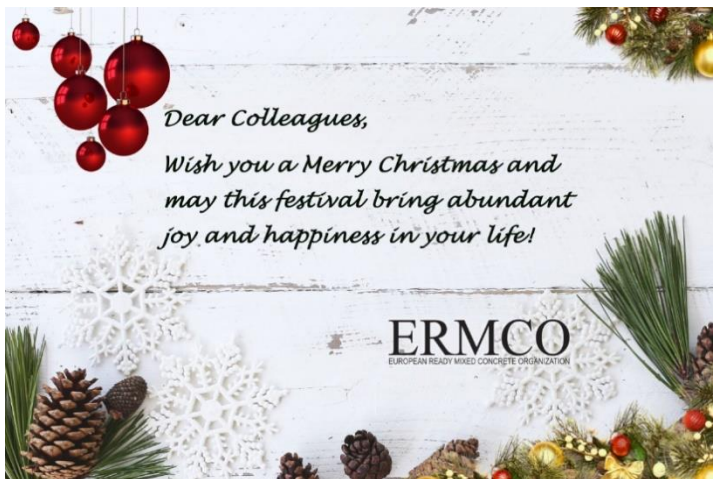
The EUPAVE Technical&Promotion Committee and Board Meetings were held on 12 December 2019 in Brussels. The active Working Groups are "Best Practices", "Communication Tools", "Concrete Safety Barriers" and "Concrete Pavement statistics". ERMCO is actively contributing to update the existing survey on concrete roads with new parameters. The EUPAVE Workshop on Best Practices "Concrete Pavement Preservation will be held on 18 March 2020 in Brussels. [LINK](#)

Construction Industry 4.0 - Digi PLACE Project

On behalf of European Concrete Platform (ECP) the ERMCO Secretary General has been elected member of the Advisory Board of the Digi PLACE project charged to study the characteristics of a digital industrial platform for the construction sector. The objective of the project is to create a reference architecture framework for a future digital industrial platform for the construction sector and to establish a comprehensive network including the relevant stakeholders and the value chain. In line with the concrete industry needs and interests, the platform could represent an opportunity for the construction sector to increase both its productivity and contribution to sustainability, and to build up a EU construction sector interoperable and integrated digital database.

A DigiPLACE workshop will be organized after the ERMCO Representatives meeting on 9th June in Amsterdam, in collaboration with CECE – the European Construction Equipment Association.

ERMCO MEETINGS 2020:



- **Board & ESD: Verona, 23rd March**
- **ESC & ETC: Verona, 24th March**
- **Board & ESD: Amsterdam, 8th June**
- **Representatives: Amsterdam, 9th June**

