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Statement on EMF Directive

- On June 26th 2013, Directive 2013/35/EU on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risk arising from electromagnetic fields was published in the Official Journal of the European Union. The transposition deadline for member states was set to July 1st 2016.
- The text of the Directive does not cover all information necessary for practical application; therefore the publication of a practical guide, at latest 6 months before the transposition deadline, was fixed in Article 14 of the Directive.
- In addition, the responsible IEC/EN product committee TC26 is in the process of updating the existing CLC EMF product standards for electric welding EN 50445, EN 50444 and EN 50505 with regard to the requirements of the new Directive. The new standards IEC/EN 62822-1, -2 and -3 are expected to be published by the end of 2015.
- With the publication of Directive 2013/35/EU, EWA members started the assessment of their products for this Directive however, since both the practical guide and adopted standards are needed to finalize this assessment and to generate valid data, EMF product information cannot be released before these basic documents are finally published