



## BRITISH REFRIGERATION ASSOCIATION

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### **Minutes of the meeting of the Commercial Refrigerated Cabinet Industry on Thursday 23 November 2023 at the FETA office, Hare Hatch, RG10 9AA**

#### **Present**

Neil	Moss	Chair	Pure Cold Holdings Ltd	
Justin	Southwick		Carter Thermal Industries	R
Stephen	Benton		Cool Concerns Ltd	
Paul	Poulter		ebm-papst UK Ltd	
Ian	Roper		Epta-UK	R
Chris	Yates		FETA	
Martyn	Cooper		FETA	
Neil	Roberts		IDS Refrigeration Limited t/a Climalife	R
Ian	Paterson		Carter Thermal Industries	R
				<i>R=remote</i>

#### **1 Welcome and introducing any new members or guests**

If joining remotely, members were asked to ensure their name was correctly displayed as we use that for the minutes.

#### **2 To note the FETA Competition Law Guidelines**

The FETA Competition Law Guidelines and Committee Procedures are available at [www.feta.co.uk/members/events-and-meetings/schedule-of-all-feta-meetings](http://www.feta.co.uk/members/events-and-meetings/schedule-of-all-feta-meetings) and available in the meeting room. Joining the meeting is taken as your acknowledgement of the guideline's existence.

#### **3 Minutes from the last meeting on 10 May 2023**

##### **3.1 Approval for accuracy**

Copies available from [www.feta.co.uk/members/committee-minutes/bra-committee-minutes](http://www.feta.co.uk/members/committee-minutes/bra-committee-minutes)

##### **3.2 Matters arising not on this agenda.**

#### **4 Projects**

##### **4.1 Eco design of Energy related Products Directive & Labelling**

There has been a change from the 1<sup>st</sup> September deadline.

##### **4.2 Remote cabinet sector**

Companies operating in the remote cabinet sector that we should approach to elevate this sector.

Update on any approaches/enquiries since the last meeting.

Do we remove this from the agenda now?

It was agreed we should now take off the agenda

#### **4.3**     *Net cooling of cabinets or net heating of integrals and cold air retrieval*

Update from the working group - *Neil Moss, Gareth Richardson, Adam Harrison and Ian Patterson.*

CRC Section should issue guidance on *net cooling of cabinets or net heating of integrals and cold air retrieval* to close off this work.

Neil Moss will prepare a summary of work so far. CG will submit this to the End User Section.

The stumbling block is what high temperature is having on cabinets. When originally issued the Nett cooling for HT/MT doored cabinets was questioned by a RJM contractor but all other cabinet options have been accepted.

It is intended to be a comparison between cabinets.

Les Corbett was the driving force behind this, and now he has rejoined the CRC Section we can ask him to pick this up again.

## **5**       **European Committees**

### **5.1**     *RHE/19 - Commercial refrigerated food cabinets (cold room and display cases)*

Ian Garvey, Ian Roper, Judith Evans, Michael Michaelides and Stephen Benton are all on this committee.

A list of recent documents from the BSI technical committee RHE/19 (display cabinets) was attached to the agenda.

60335-2-89 is still being reviewed

378 will likely reach a public draft in 2025.

The focus in all standards now is flammables.

Manufacturers are now more engaged in discussing, and solving, issues with explosion risk.

### **5.2**     *RHE/18 Refrigeration Safety – Steve Benton*

Covered above.

## **6**       **Legislation**

### **6.1**     *ErP directive – commercial refrigeration*

Energy labelling - Judith Evans

### **6.2**     *UKCA marking*

Update from Chris Yates.

This is still “work in progress”. Before August the intention was UKCA from 1 Jan 2025 for all but construction products.

On 1 August 2023 the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) has today announced [an indefinite extension to the use of CE marking for businesses.](#)

In the August announcement by the Department of Business and Trade, it stated that a number of products would continue to be eligible to use a CE marking indefinitely on products, reversing the decision in November 2022 to recognise only UK from 1st January 2025. However, there are still a number of products covered by Ecodesign and the Construction Products Regulations that are not covered by this announcement and Chris Yates is in discussion with Government officials and lobbying ministers to get a decision on CE as soon as possible.

The Windsor Agreement on NI has opened up discussions over mutual recognition of test data and may lead to further 'softening' of positions on trade.

Industry can stick with CE marking for the moment as the legislation for UKCA does not come in until 1st January 2025 at the earliest.

### 6.3 *F-gas*

Likely implementation date is 1 July 2024

Phase downs will not now happen until 2025.

Poor definitions in the regulations need tightening up.

CY and MC met with DEFRA. The consultation in UK will happen Q1 2024 and will be a 12-week consultation.

There is no particular appetite for divergence of the UK regs with the EU regs.

Mandatory training on hydrocarbons will be included across Europe.

Assumptions are being made on amount of recovered product. The UK is set up well on reclaiming, but many countries are not well established.

After a slow start, industry is now embracing the use of "flammable" refrigerants.

FETA has a work programme going on in parallel with the EU/UK regulation to raise awareness in industry so end users understand the basic facts and consequences of the new regulations.

The UK seems ahead of most of the rest of Europe.

SB is working on large decarbonisation projects and has noticed they are making fundamental assumptions with heat pumps which are holding large quantities of propane.

BRA is forging a link with the Association of Convenience Stores, who were initially unaware of the future regulations, but are now becoming aware.

The other sector being targeted are the large outlets using refrigeration such as Greggs, Subways, Costa who have multiple outlets.

It was suggested a BRA Wholesalers Group would be a good forum for disseminating information to the wider industry through their network of trade counters.

## 7 **Any other business**

### 7.1 *Feedback from BRA Council meeting.*

The chairman represents this group on BRA Council. The BRA Training Section has re-started, primarily to provide F-Gas training.

Two BRA Training Section has held two meetings to date. David Sowden is chairing the group.

Chris updated on cost savings leaving AREA and the extra funding being used for legal advice on F-Gas.

## 7.2 *Suspense Fund for the C&C*

The balance of the suspense fund for the C&C Section remains at £50.00 as at 20.11.23.

Members agreed that this fund should be closed, and the remaining balance transferred over to the BRA advocacy fund.

## 7.3 *FETA annual lunch*

The FETA lunch is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and several BRA members have booked places or table <https://www.feta.co.uk/news-events/feta-luncheon>.

## 7.4 *TICR Transport industrial commercial refrigeration*

On Tuesday 21 November, MD circulated a presentation link from Stephen Benton from Cool Concerns Ltd. SB would like to discuss a presentation from Dermot from Star Refrigeration at the meeting on Thursday.

[https://www.google.com/gasearch?q=TICR%20site:youtube.com&source=sh/x/g/m2/5#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:cc5dba33,vid:4S\\_IcKFWbJM,st:0](https://www.google.com/gasearch?q=TICR%20site:youtube.com&source=sh/x/g/m2/5#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:cc5dba33,vid:4S_IcKFWbJM,st:0)

Stephen suggests members listen to the segment from Dermot that relates to retail primarily. Its starts at 15min 30secs and lasts for 15 minutes.

TICR is an investigation into real energy use and greenhouse gas emissions from the transport, industrial and commercial refrigeration sectors in the UK. Our vision is to create a comprehensive data driven and whole systems approach to support decarbonisation strategy and policy within the sector.

<https://netzerorefrigeration.uk/>

Their website states:

- *The outcomes of this work will provide a thorough understanding of refrigeration related energy usage and emissions in datacentres, food and drink manufacturing sites, and chemical and pharmaceutical manufacturing, retail, cold stores and transport refrigeration units.*
- *It will provide a roadmap for emissions mitigation, and opportunities for innovation and best-practice. Outputs will include sector-specific guidance, training and a programme of events.*
- *The project is being managed by a consortium of partners led by London South Bank University and funded through the Net Zero Innovation Portfolio (NZIP) by the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero.*

TICR is looking at how the sector is looking to become net zero.

They have done site surveys to see the current state.

SB has concerns on how the results are being presented and he sent a 15-minute presentation to BRA, and it was circulated to members ahead of this meeting.

SB suggested during Q1 2024 Caterina should give a presentation separately to the CRC Section and also the BRA End User Section.

SB will engage with Caterina Marques and would like to know if this group would like a meeting with her to discuss TICR. She would like the meeting to be 2-hours.

#### **7.5**     *BRA website*

NR reminder members the FETA website has been updated. He asked all members to review it and raise any comments in their respective BRA groups

RAC monthly and BRA newsletter. NR would like groups to feed into these regular updates, so members are kept informed.

#### **7.6**     *Other topics to be added to the next agenda*

Review of website and the documents.

### **8**        **Date of next meeting**

The next meetings in 2024 are:

Tues 23 April (provisional)     and     Thurs 21 Nov

Outlook invitations will be issued soon so members can get the dates in their calendars

Meeting dates are provisional. Members should check the notice/agenda for the meeting which will be circulated three weeks before the meeting as dates sometimes change.

Chair .....

Date .....

*(for approval at the next meeting)*