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Dear TC 197 Members:

Thank you for your almost unanimous support of the publication of DTR 19800-1 as a Technical Specification.

At the same time, we admit that this decision is not free from controversy. Also, we sympathize with the comments from The Netherlands and Germany in a sense that this is an exceptional procedure, which hopefully we will never need to repeat.

The reasons for this procedure were discussed extensively at the TC plenary in Torrance. However, what is missing in the comments from The Netherlands and Germany is the mention of the “elephant in the room”, which is TS 20100 (withdrawn in Dec. 2015). No question, this is the main reason for our decision. If there were no danger of some EU countries adopting TS 20100 in their national legislation as part of the AFI Directive implementation and if we had not felt that it was necessary to withdraw TS 20100 for this reason, we would then have proceeded with our original plan to publish the TR 19800-1 first and then the IS.

So, if we look at the comments from The Netherlands and Germany from this perspective, there is no question for us which document is superior and which pathway is less risky:

- On an “apples-to-apples” comparison, TS 19880-1 is superior to TS 20100, and
- Potential adoption of TS 20100 as a formal CEN document would cause far more problems than a potential similar adoption of TS 19880-1.

We made a wise decision and we thank you for that.

Now we need to develop the highest possible quality IS 19880-1. Our WG24 will see to that.

Best regards,

Andrei & Jim