



Press Release

New standard to help consumer (pedal) power

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ANEC welcomes adoption of the revised European standard EN 15914:2017 'Cycles - Electrically power assisted cycles - EPAC Bicycles (EPACs)' by CEN (the European Committee for Standardization) which should see safer and more reliable EPACs on the roads.

The new standard replaces EN 15194:2009+A1:2011 and will be referenced in the Official Journal of the European Union as a harmonised standard. It will become a national standard in the 34 CEN member countries¹, serving a market of more than 600 million consumers.

The standard covers EPACs of a type that has a maximum continuous rated power of 250W, of which the output is reduced and then cut as the EPAC reaches a speed of 25 km/h (or sooner if the cyclist stops pedalling). Furthermore, it specifies safety requirements and test methods for the assessment of the design and the assembly of EPACs and sub-assemblies for systems using battery voltage up to 48V DC or an integrated battery charger with 230V input.

Stephen Russell, ANEC Secretary-General, commented, "More and more consumers are buying EPACs as a cheaper and more environmentally-friendly means of motor transport. We welcome the adoption of the revised standard which will see EPACs becoming both safer and more reliable".

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¹ www.cen.eu

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