

Games Consoles Self-Regulatory Initiative 9th Steering Committee Meeting

31 March 2020
Conference call



Agenda

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| 1. | Welcome and introductions | 16:45 – 16:50 |
| 2. | Appointment of the new Steering Committee Chair | 16:50 – 16:55 |
| 3. | 8th Steering Committee meeting (October 2019) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of minutes• Review of actions | 16:55 – 17:05 |
| 4. | Updates from the Signatories <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Industry response to the comments from the December 2019 CF• 2019 SRI Review – status• 2020 SRI Review – overview, timeline | 17:05 – 17:35 |
| 5. | Update from the European Commission | 17:35 – 17:45 |
| 6. | Adoption of the revised 2019 SRI | 17:45 – 17:50 |
| 7. | AOB and date of next Steering Committee meeting | 17:50 – 18:00 |
| 9. | End of meeting | 18:00 |

Welcome and Introductions



Appointment of the new SC Chair

- Kieren Mayers is stepping down as Chair
- The Steering Committee should appoint a new Chair
- Ted Eckert has volunteered to take up the position

8th Steering Committee meeting (2019)

- Previous meeting minutes approval
- Review of open actions

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| VA Administrator to prepare and share minutes of the current meeting | Completed |
| Cesar Santos (EC) to check with colleagues on the Consultants' attendance to CF and next steps on the report | Completed |
| Signatories to update the 2019 SRI Review Report with input received at the 8 th SC meeting | Completed |
| Cesar Santos (EC) to confirm date / time slot for GCVA Consultation Forum session on 12 December | Completed |
| Signatories to finalise SRI update with input from Consultation Forum | Completed |
| Signatories to provide clarification on the non-inclusion of handheld consoles in the scope | Completed |
| BEIS to separately follow up with the Signatories about amending the MoU | Completed |

Update from the Signatories

Overview

1. Industry response to the comments from the December 2019 Consultation Forum
2. 2019 SRI Review – status
3. 2020 SRI Review – overview, timeline

Update from the Signatories

Industry response to the comments raised by stakeholders after the December 2019 Consultation Forum

- Final comments received from stakeholders: 24/02/20

- France
- Germany
- Denmark
- EEB & ECOS



Update from the Signatories

Industry response to the comments raised by stakeholders after the December 2019 Consultation Forum

- Signatories stakeholder response completed: 10/03/20
- Topics included level of ambition, scope, terminology, energy and resource efficiency
- Responses include clarifications and amendments to the SRI to address concerns and set objectives for 2020 review

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RESPONSE TO THE COMMENTS RAISED BY THE CONSULTATION FORUM MEMBERS AFTER THE DECEMBER 2019 CONSULTATION FORUM MEETING



Update from the Signatories

Additional SRI revisions made to address key stakeholder inputs

- Next generation consoles defined for 2020 review:
 - *“8K Definition Capable Consoles: Games Consoles having potential of rendering video output with resolutions greater or equal to 8K (7680 pixels × 4320 lines) in addition to capability defined for Ultra-High-Definition Consoles”*

Update from the Signatories

Additional SRI revisions made to address key stakeholder inputs

- SRI agreement now includes commitments for 2020 review of SRI:
 - Define and review power caps for low-power and active modes
 - New features for next generation
 - Method to identify key & proprietary components for availability for repair
 - Consider impact of flame retardants on recyclability of plastic enclosure parts
- Proposal will be submitted at next Steering Committee before launch of next generation consoles

Update from the Signatories

Additional SRI revisions made to address key stakeholder inputs

- SRI revised to replace ‘should’ with ‘shall’ where applicable
- Definition of ‘authorised repairer’ added
 - *“‘authorised’ meaning selected and used by each Signatory for the repair of their specific product[s]”*

Update from the Signatories

Additional SRI revisions made to address key stakeholder inputs

- Various issues raised are already addressed:
 - Circumvention text is already based on wording used for other ErP Lots
 - Active & low-power already reported to users where applicable
 - Location of BFRs already specified in marking / instructions for recyclers
 - Removal of key components for repair using commercially available tools
 - Automatic power-down already required under lot 6, even if using <20 W
 - All consoles comply with lot 26 networked standby limits where applicable

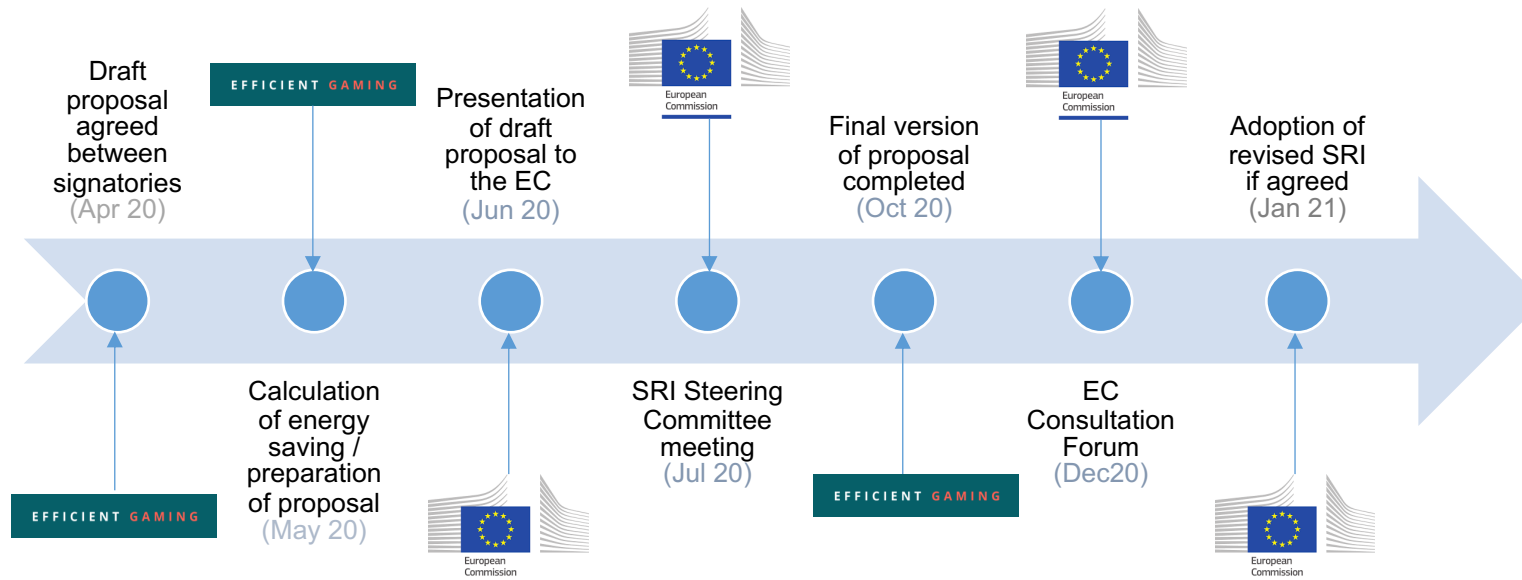
Update from the Signatories

Clarifications to address key stakeholder inputs

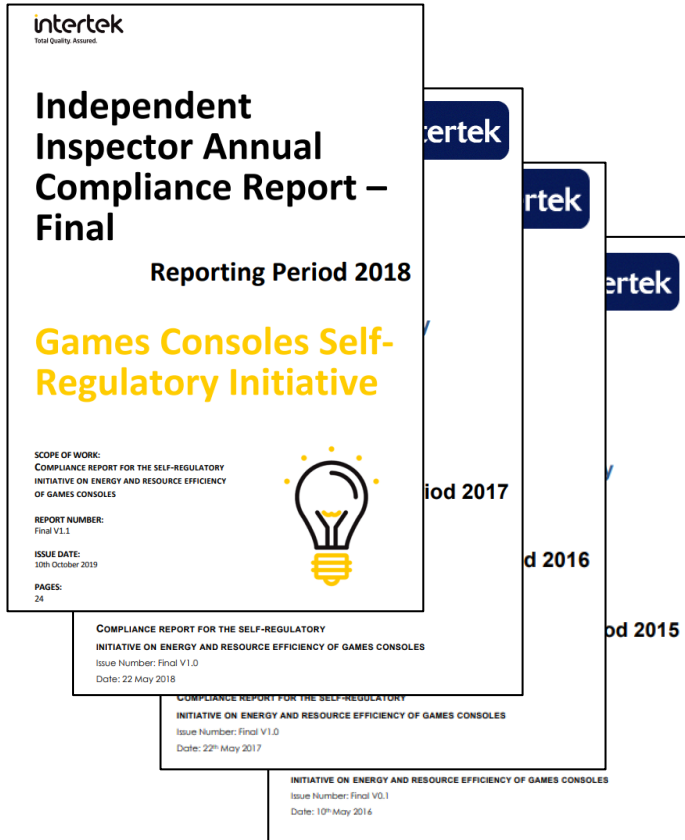
- Current generation power consumption should not set a baseline for next generation consoles with increased performance & new functions
- Battery life is not an issue for controllers and consoles; where battery is needed for memory backup it is not user replaceable
- ErP requires only 90% market coverage for SRIs (as reflected in our agreement) – but signatories represent 100% of console manufacturers
- Arcade-style gaming devices are technically different from games consoles and are not considered in the current EC scope for this SRI

2020 SRI Review Timescales

- The proposed timelines for this review are



Industry Compliance with the SRI



- Four reporting periods completed since SRI was endorsed: 2015-2018
- The Microsoft Xbox was found compliant except for APD in three modes. The Independent Inspector has reviewed and accepted Microsoft's corrective action.
- Product Compliance Reports for the 5th reporting period (2019) have now been submitted by Signatories
- Independent Inspector will produce the Annual Compliance Report with its conclusion in May

Microsoft Xbox – Corrective Action

- The SRI requires consoles be brought into compliance within 12 months
- Microsoft has adjusted the APD times to within tolerances.
- The update has been sent to all Xbox consoles in February 2020
- Microsoft is preparing an additional update to further improve APD times.

Update from the European Commission

Adoption of the revised SRI

- Latest revisions are reflected in SRI version 3.0:
 - Amendments proposed in 2019 review report
 - Recommendations agreed from Consultant's study
 - Requests from Stakeholder and Member States



Date of next Steering Committee meeting

- Next Steering Committee meeting
 - TBD July

End of meeting